Rev. Mr Storey
Lib. Har. Uni. Cambr

Published by the General Convention of the New-Jerusalem Church.

THE

NEW JERUSALEM MAGAZINE.

VOL. XXX.] JULY, 1857. [No. 1.

CONTENTS.

	Page.
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS	1
SOCIAL FESTIVAL	15
RECORDS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	16
REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES	17
REPORTS OF ASSOCIATIONS	35
REPORTS OF ISOLATED SOCIETIES	42
REPORTS OF MINISTERS	43
ADDRESS TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE NEW CHURCH IN ENGLAND	49
ADDRESS TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE NEW CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	50
CONSTITUTION	54
BY-LAWS OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION	57
STANDING ORDERS AND RECOMMENDATIONS	58
OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1857–8	59
GENERAL CONVENTION	60
MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES BELONGING TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION	61
PLACES CONTAINING SOCIETIES AND RECEIVERS	62
LIST OF SOCIETIES OF THE NEW CHURCH IN ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, AND IRELAND	68
LIST OF SOCIETIES NOT IN CONNECTION WITH THE GENERAL CONFERENCE	69
LIST OF PLACES ON THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE	69
REPORT OF A COMMITTEE ON DONATIONS AND DEVISES	70
FORM FOR A DEVISE TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION	70
INDEX	71

BOSTON:

PUBLISHED FOR THE GENERAL CONVENTION,

BY OTIS CLAPP, 3, BEACON STREET.

1857.

GLADDOCK LIBRARY
PACIFIC SCHOOL
OF RELIGION

Printed by John Wilson & Son, 22, School Street.

Recently Published

AND

FOR SALE BY OTIS CLAPP, 3, BEACON STREET.

PRINCIPAL POINTS OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE OLD AND NEW CHRISTIAN CHURCHES. By Mrs. TURNER. 62 cents.

PARSONS'S ESSAYS. 2d Series. 75 cts.

LESSONS IN THE GOSPELS. By Rev. W. B. HAYDEN. 5 cents. [75 cts.

HILLER'S PLEASURES OF RELIGION, a Poem,

BIOGRAPHY OF REV. T. GOYDER, 56 cts.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A PHRENOLOGIST, (Rev. T. Goyder,) in Nos. 15 cts. each.

REV. WM. BRUCE'S STRICTURES, 17 cts.

MASON'S DIFFICULTIES ON THE LORD'S BODY OBVIATED, 75 cts.

THE DIVINE PERSONALITY, INCARNATION, AND GLORIFICATION OF THE LORD, 33 cts.

NEWCHURCHMAN for 1855. Cambric, 62 cts.

GRINDON'S LIFE, ITS NATURE, &c., $2.25.

CHILD'S LIFE OF SWEDENBORG, by Mrs. Doughty, 37½ cts.

GEMS FROM SWEDENBORG. 62 cents.

CATECHISM. New edition, 5 cents.

NEWCHURCHMAN. Lond. Monthly, 38c. a year.

INNOCENCE OF CHILDHOOD. 37½ cts.

PHENOMENA OF MODERN SPIRITUALISM. By Rev. W. B. HAYDEN. Cambric, 50 cts.

PARSONS'S ESSAYS. New ed., cambric, 62 cts.

THE ELEMENTS OF CHARACTER. By MARY G. CHANDLER. Cambric, 62 cts.

A COMPENDIUM OF THE THEOLOGICAL WRITINGS OF SWEDENBORG. With a full Life, and Portrait. 574 pages, royal 8vo, double columns. Cambric, $2; gilt, $2.62½.

MRS. WILKINS'S LESSONS FOR CHILDREN OF THE NEW CHURCH. Cambric, 25 cts.

RAYS OF LIGHT. Selections from Swedenborg and other authors. 128 pages. Cambric and gilt, 25 cts.

THE GENERATIVE ORGANS, considered Anatomically, Physically, and Philosophically. By E. SWEDENBORG. Translated by Wilkinson. $2.

SOME ACCOUNT OF SWEDENBORG AND HIS WRITINGS; with a Descriptive Catalogue of his Works. 48 pages. 5 cts.

A VINDICATION OF THE DOCTRINES OF SWEDENBORG from the perversions of Dr. Moehler and Prof. Perrone. By Dr. TAFEL. Cambric, $1.

WHITE DOVE, AND WHAT IS LOVE? 31 cts.

THE NINETEENTH CENTURY, or THE NEW DISPENSATION. 438 pages, 12mo. $1.

LITURGY; or, BOOK OF WORSHIP. Cambric, 88 cts. In various bindings, from $1.62½ to $2.62½.

GEMS FROM THE WRITINGS OF SWEDENBORG; with a Memoir by Rev. T. O. PRESCOTT.

ILLUSTRATIONS OF PHYSIOLOGY. By Dr. RICE. Cambric, 50 cts.

THE HAPPY FAMILY. 25 cts.

A MINIATURE OF THE NEW JERUSALEM. 2 cts.; $1 per hundred.

ANTEDILUVIAN HISTORY, AND NARRATIVE OF THE FLOOD. By Rev. E. D. READSELL. 62½ cts.

ANIMALS AND THEIR CORRESPONDENCES. By Rev. W. H. BENADE. 37½ cts.

MARRIAGE: its Origin, Uses, &c. By Rev. W. BRUCE. Cambric, 12½ cts.; paper, 5 cts.

THE IMMORTAL FOUNTAIN. 4 cts.

SERMONS ON THE LORD'S PRAYER. By Rev. H. A. WORCESTER. Cambric, 50 cts.

DE GUAY'S PHILOSOPHY; in Letters, &c. Cambric, 50 cts.; stitched, 37½ cts.

NEW-CHURCH MAGAZINE FOR CHILDREN. Monthly. $1 per year.

HOBART'S LIFE OF SWEDENBORG. 62½ cts.

A NEW-CHURCH CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN. Cambric, 15 cts.

WHITE'S LIFE OF SWEDENBORG. 33 cts.

NEW LITHOGRAPHIC ENGRAVING OF SWEDENBORG. London edition. $1.25.

PHILOSOPHICAL AND SCIENTIFIC WORKS OF SWEDENBORG.

MISCELLANEOUS OBSERVATIONS CONNECTED WITH THE PHYSICAL SCIENCES. Translated by C. C. STRUTT. $2.

THE ANIMAL KINGDOM. Translated by WILKINSON. 1 vol. 8vo. St. Clairsville edition, $3.50.

THE ECONOMY OF THE ANIMAL KINGDOM. Translated by Rev. A. CLISSOLD. 2 vols. $7.75.

THE PRINCIPIA, or FIRST PRINCIPLES OF NATURAL THINGS. Translated by Rev. A. CLISSOLD. 2 vols. $7.75.

PRINCIPLES OF CHEMISTRY; with other Treatises. Translated by C. E. STRUTT. 1 vol. $3.25.

OUTLINES OF A PHILOSOPHICAL ARGUMENT ON THE INFINITE. Translated by WILKINSON. $1.87. American edition, 25 cts.

POSTHUMOUS TRACTS. Translated by WILKINSON. $1.50. American edition, 12½ cts.

HIEROGLYPHIC KEY. Translated by WILKINSON. 60 cts.

TRACTS PUBLISHED BY THE TRACT BOARD OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

No. 1. Healing at the Pool of Bethesda. 3 cts.
„ 2. The Blood of the Lord. 2 cts.
„ 3. The Books Opened; or, the Judgment. 2 cts.
„ 4. On Regeneration and Good Works. 3 cts.
„ 5. Objections against Swedenborg, &c. 3 cts.
„ 6. End of the World. 6 cts.
„ 7. The Doctrine of the Lord. 2 cts.
„ 8. The Resurrection. 4 cts.
„ 9. The Second Coming of the Lord. 5 cts.
„ 10. The Future Life. 3 cts.
„ 11. Medium of Salvation. 1 cent.
„ 12. The Lord's Prayer Briefly Explained. 4 cts.
No. 13. Leading Doctrines of New Jerusalem. 4 c.
„ 14. Jehovah our Saviour. 3 cts.
„ 15. Tri-Personality of God. 2 cts.
„ 16. Nature of True Religion. 2 cts.
„ 17. Laws of Order. 2 cts.
„ 18. Clowes's Affectionate Address. 4 cts.
„ 19. The Lord Jesus Christ the One God. 2 cts.
„ 20. The Corner-Stone of the N. J. 4 cts.
„ 21. Divine Providence. 5 cts. per dozen.
„ 22. First Law of the Divine Providence. 4 cts.
„ 23. Gooseberry Bush and Caterpillars. By Clowes. 2 cts.

THE

NEW JERUSALEM MAGAZINE.

No. CCCLIII.

VOL. XXX.] JULY, 1857. [No. 1.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

Of the Thirty-ninth Annual Session of the General Convention of the New Church in the United States, held in the city of Cincinnati, from Wednesday, June 10, to Sunday, June 14, 1857; the year being the Centenary of the New Church.

CINCINNATI, *Wednesday, June* 10, 1857.

THE General Convention assembled in the Temple of the New Church in Cincinnati, at ten o'clock, A.M.

The President called the meeting to order, and the Delegates presented their credentials.

1. Messrs. Stuart, Close, and J. Reed were made a Committee on Credentials; and the credentials were put into their hands.

This Committee reported the following list of Ministers and Delegates as constituting the acting members of the Convention: —

MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION.

Rev. Thomas Worcester	Boston.
„ Warren Goddard	North Bridgewater.
„ Joseph Pettee	Abington.
„ T. B. Hayward	Brookline.

Mr.	John H. Wilkins	Boston.
„	Sampson Reed	„
„	David L. Webster	„
„	William J. Cutler	„
„	Benjamin Worcester	„
„	James Reed	„
„	Robert Curtis	East Bridgewater.
Dr.	Abraham T. Lowe	Bridgewater.
Mr.	Joseph A. Hyde	„
„	Benjamin Hobart	Abington.
„	Nathan Foster	Springfield.
Dr.	George W. Swazey	„
Mr.	John Westall	Fall River.

PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION.

Rev.	Thomas Wilks	Philadelphia.
„	A. O. Brickman	Baltimore.
Mr.	David Snyder	Philadelphia.
„	Charles S. Close	„

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION.

Rev.	John Randolph Hibbard	Chicago.
„	Thomas Storry	Peoria.
„	John Henry Ragatz	Chicago.
Mr.	Isaac S. Britton	Springfield.
„	John Hamlin	Peoria.
„	Henry Lightner	„
„	Charles Kettelle	„
„	J. Young Scammon	Chicago.
„	Edwin Burnham	„
„	Dyer N. Burnham	„
„	Alexander Officer	„
„	John Sears, jun.	„
„	Jonas Rawalt	Canton.

MICHIGAN AND NORTHERN-INDIANA ASSOCIATION.

Rev.	George Field	Detroit, Mich.
Hon.	John B. Niles	Laporte, Ind.

GENERAL SOCIETY IN OHIO.

Rev.	James P. Stuart	Urbana.
„	Chauncey Giles	Cincinnati.
„	John H. Miller	Selma.
Hon.	R. S. Canby	Bellefontaine.
Mr.	S. S. Carpenter	Cincinnati.
Dr.	William M. Murdock	Urbana.
Mr.	David Gwynne	„
„	Willard G. Day	„
„	A. M. Wagar	East Rockport.
„	A. W. Brown	„

MEMBERS OF CONVENTION BY ELECTION.

Mr.	Robert L. Smith	Brooklyn, N.Y.
„	Robert Shaw	New York.
„	N. F. Cabell	Warminster, Va.

INVITED RECEIVERS, ETC.

Mr.	John Pearce	Boston.
„	J. W. Scott	Philadelphia.
„	F. J. Kramph	Lancaster, Penn.
„	John C. Keffer	Philadelphia.
Dr.	A. E. Small	Chicago, Ill.
Mr.	E. N. Powell	Peoria, Ill.
„	William M. Dodge	„ „
Dr.	Leonhard F. Tafel	Messengers from Urbana University.
Prof.	M. G. Williams	
Col.	J. H. James	
Mr.	Edward O. Hinkley	Baltimore.
„	Willard H. Hinkley	„
„	Charles Reese	„
„	Joseph H. Brotherton	St. Louis.
„	George F. Lewis	„
Rev.	F. W. Türk	Berlin, C.W.
Mr.	Charles F. Kellogg	Cincinnati.
Prof.	J. H. M. Smithe	Carlisle, Ky.
Dr.	G. F. Foote	Buffalo, N.Y.
Mr.	Asa Bradbury	Kygerville, Ohio.
„	J. Tenney	„ „

Mr. E. Hinman . . . . . Coleraine.
„ N. C. Jones . . . . . Cincinnati.
„ Thomas Boxley . . . Boxley, Hamilton Co., Ind.
„ John L. Ross . . . . . Cincinnati.
„ M. Pollock . . . . . Sunfish, Ohio.
Rev. O. Prescott Hiller . . . . . Glasgow, Scotland.
Mr. James S. Glascoe . . . . . Cincinnati.
„ S. Holmes . . . . . „
„ Charles Andress . . . . . „
„ William E. White . . . . . Aurora, Ind.
„ N. Sampson . . . . . Cincinnati.
„ Thomas French . . . . . Newport, Ky.
„ M. C. Bissell . . . . . Joliet, Ill.
„ H. Crookham . . . . . Chillicothe, Ohio.
„ A. D. Sproat . . . . . „ „
„ David Espy . . . . . Twenty-mile Stand, Ohio.
„ William D. Philbrick . . . . Brookline, Mass.
„ Benj. F. Hinman . . . . . Cincinnati.
„ J. L. Wayne . . . . . „
„ J. L. Wayne, jun. . . . . „
„ A. W. Gilbert . . . . . „
„ Jacob Purinton . . . . . „
„ James Sweney . . . . . Lebanon, Ohio.
„ Elijah Vance . . . . . Hamilton, Ohio.
Rev. Mr. Winn . . . . . „ „
Mr. David Pruden . . . . . Dayton, „
„ Oliver Lovell . . . . . Cincinnati.
„ Giles Richards . . . . Dunlap, Hamilton Co., Ohio.
Dr. C. W. Spalding . . . . . St. Louis, Mo.
Mr. Richard N. Foster . . . . . Urbana University.
„ A. Washburn . . . Lynchburg, Highland Co., Ohio.
„ Charles Harkness . . . . . Cincinnati.
„ William Mansur . . . . . „
„ Townsend Hill . . . . . Carthage, Ohio.
„ Milo Sawyer . . . . . Cincinnati.
Dr. N. C. Towle . . . . . Washington, D.C.
Mr. Rufus Dawes . . . . . „ „
„ J. M. Hibbard . . . . . Athens, Ohio.

2. *Voted*, That the roll of Convention, as reported by the Committee, be accepted; and that they have leave to add to it the names of other ministers, delegates, &c., who may report themselves hereafter.

Mr. Benjamin Worcester offered the following, which was adopted : —

3. *Resolved,* That all receivers of the heavenly doctrines of the New Jerusalem, who are or shall be in attendance at this meeting of the Convention, be invited to take seats therein, and participate in its deliberations ; and to report their names and address to the Committee on Credentials, that they may be placed upon the roll of the Convention.

4. The Convention then took a recess for religious services ; and the President delivered his Annual Address, the subject of which was the "Last Judgment."

After the religious services, the Convention came to order, and adjourned to four o'clock, P.M.

Wednesday afternoon, four o'clock, p.m.

5. The Convention met ; and the record of the morning session was read and approved.

The Convention then adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

Thursday, June 11, *nine o'clock, a.m.*

6. The Convention met agreeably to adjournment ; the roll was called ; and the record of yesterday afternoon was read and approved.

7. The Journal of last year was read.

8. Reports of Associations, Societies, and Ministers, and other communications to the Convention, were then called for, and read. The Address of the General Conference in Great Britain was also read (71).

9. Dr. N. C. Towle was chosen Assistant Secretary.

10. Applications for membership in the General Convention were presented from the first German Society in the city of Baltimore, from the Hoboken Society in New Jersey, and from the Contoocook Society in New Hampshire. These applications were referred to the Executive Committee (16).

11. At eleven o'clock, the Convention took a recess for religious services ; and Rev. T. B. Hayward delivered a discourse on the "New Heaven."

The Convention again came to order.

12. The Committee of Ministers, to whom was referred last year (Jour. 1856, n. 60, 62, and 82) a motion that "Rev. Samuel Beswick be received as a member of this Convention, in the degree of his ordination," presented their report thereon,

showing cause why, in their opinion, he could not be so received [Rep. No. 1, p. 17].

13. On motion of Rev. Mr. Wilks, this report was accepted, and its recommendations adopted.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

Memorandum. — Agreeably to a programme issued by the Committee which had in charge the celebration of the Centenary of the New Church by this Convention (see Records of Executive Committee, p. 16), the Convention assembled at eight o'clock in the evening; and Rev. Abiel Silver delivered a discourse on "Swedenborg, his Office and Mission."

Friday, June 12, *nine o'clock, a.m.*

14. The Convention met; the roll was called; and the record of yesterday was read and approved.

15. Mr. S. Reed presented the report of the Executive Committee on the applications of certain societies for admission as members of the Convention (10); and offered the following resolution, which was adopted: —

16. *Resolved*, That the request of the Baltimore German, the Hoboken, and the Contoocook Societies be granted; and that these several societies are cordially received and acknowledged as members of this Convention, and as entitled to all the privileges of the other societies which are in connection with this Convention.

17. The Committee on a Liturgy for Sabbath Schools (Jour. 1856, n. 46–49) presented their report, which was accepted [Rep. 2].

18. The Treasurer presented his Annual Report, which was accepted [Rep. 3].

19. A Committee was raised, consisting of Messrs. Hibbard, Close, and Wilkins, to revise the lists of Ministers, Societies, and Receivers (75).

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Mr. Stuart, was adopted: —

20. *Resolved*, That the Rev. O. Prescott Hiller, of Glasgow, Scotland, be invited to take a seat in this Convention, and participate in its deliberations.

21. Mr. Scammon presented the Annual Report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, which was accepted [Rep. 9].

22. Rev. Mr. Silver presented a report from the Committee of Ministers, stating that an application had been made to them by Mr. Frederick William Türk, of Berlin, Canada

West, for ordination as a missionary; and said Committee recommended, that the section of the Constitution requiring previous license be suspended in this case, and that Mr. Türk be ordained agreeably to his request [Rep. 4]. The report was accepted; and, on motion of Mr. Scammon, it was, —

23. *Resolved,* That the Convention approve of said ordination, and that it take place at such time as may be directed by the Committee of Ministers.

Rev. Mr. Stuart offered the following, which was adopted: —

24. *Resolved,* That Dr. Leonhard F. Tafel, Prof. M. G. Williams, and J. H. James, Esq., who are now present as messengers from the Urbana University, be invited to take seats in the Convention, and participate in its deliberations.

Mr. Wilkins offered the following from the Executive Committee, which was adopted: —

25. *Resolved,* That a Committee of three be appointed to have in charge the raising of funds to enable Dr. J. F. Emanuel Tafel to proceed in the publication of the manuscripts and reprints of the original editions of the works of Emanuel Swedenborg, and to make such arrangements with Dr. Tafel in regard to receiving copies of the said works as the said Committee may deem proper (80).

26. Rev. Mr. Silver presented the Annual Report of the Missionary and Colportage Committee, which was accepted [Rep. 5].

27. The Committee, to which the subject of "tithing and contributions" was referred last year, made a verbal report, and was continued at its own request.

Mr. Hobart offered the following: —

28. *Resolved,* That a Committee be appointed by this Convention to take into consideration the propriety of publishing, in the "New-Jerusalem Magazine" or otherwise, the several discourses delivered before the Convention at this Centenary of the New Church, agreeably to the arrangements of a Committee appointed for that purpose by the Executive Committee last year.

29. This subject was referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. Hobart, Cabell, and Scammon (61, 62).

30. The Convention then took a recess for religious services; previous to which, the ordinance of Baptism was administered by the President to Mr. F. W. Türk, of Berlin, Canada West (22, 23); and to Mr. Thomas P. Boxley, of Boxley, Hamilton County, Indiana.

The Rev. Chauncey Giles then delivered a discourse on the "Descent of the New Jerusalem."

The Convention adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

Saturday, June 13, *nine o'clock, a.m.*

31. The Convention met; the roll was called; and the record of yesterday was read, and, after amendment, was approved.

32. The reports of Rev. Messrs. S. H. Worcester, J. P. Stuart, and A. O. Brickman, and of the Third Society in Philadelphia, were read.

33. Rev. Mr. Wilks, who had been appointed by the President to prepare an Address to the General Conference of the New Church in Great Britain (8), presented and read the same; and, by vote of the Convention, it was approved, and ordered to be sent to the English Conference.

34. Mr. Scammon presented the Annual Report of the Executive Committee; which, after some discussion, was informally laid over till after the religious services [Rep. 6].

35. A Committee, consisting of Messrs. Hamlin, Carpenter, and Hyde, was appointed to nominate a list of officers for the ensuing year (72–74).

36. The Convention then took a recess for religious services; and Rev. J. R. Hibbard delivered a discourse on "Order, and its Uses in the New Church."

37. After the religious services, the Convention came to order, and the consideration of the report of the Executive Committee (34) was resumed; and it was voted to take up its several topics separately.

38. The first subject taken up related to a correspondence between Rev. Mr. Benade, pastor of a society of the New Church in Philadelphia, and the President of the Convention, the former making inquiries in regard to that society being received as a member of the Convention. On this subject the Committee presented two resolutions; for which, after considerable discussion, the following, offered by Mr. S. Reed, was substituted and adopted: —

39. *Resolved*, That the Philadelphia Society of the New Jerusalem is recognized by this Convention as an ecclesiastical body; and that the Convention will receive that society as a member, if it is disposed to join the Convention.

40. The next subject of the report that was taken up related to the Board of Publications. On this subject the Committee

presented the following resolutions and preambles, which were adopted by the Convention: —

41. *Resolved*, That Sect. 15 of the Constitution be amended by adding to the end of the section the following words: "But the Committee or Treasurer may accept loans of money, on the condition that it may be hereafter refunded from the assets of the Convention; for the repayment of which, neither the members of the Convention nor the Turner Fund shall be held responsible."

42. Whereas, in the course of the last year, the Treasurer of the General Convention has accepted of a loan of eleven hundred dollars in aid of the various uses of the Convention; which loan has been accepted with the express understanding, that there should be no charge upon or debt due from the Convention or its members, in consequence of or arising out of the said loan, further than that the party or parties loaning the same shall have a lien therefor upon such properties or assets as shall have been purchased with said moneys loaned, or as shall have otherwise accrued from the operations of the Convention, — provided, however, that in no event shall there be any claim to or upon the assets held by the Convention belonging to the Turner Fund; — and

Whereas the Treasurer is authorized, if he shall have occasion so to do, to borrow other sums, during the ensuing year, for the said uses, upon the same terms; — therefore,

43. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be authorized, and is hereby directed, to repay said loan or loans, at any time when called upon to do so, from any funds in his hands not otherwise appropriated, or from any assets belonging to the Convention, exclusive of the assets on moneys of the Turner Fund.

The following resolutions, passed by the Executive Committee, were also submitted by them, and adopted by the Convention: —

44. *Resolved*, 1st, That there be appropriated from the funds of this Convention the necessary amounts to enable the Board of Publications, in addition to such specific contributions as may be made, to carry out the plans and operations of said Board; said amounts to be paid by the Treasurer, upon the order of said Board.

45. *Resolved*, 2d, That the Board of Publications be authorized to employ a travelling agent, if they think best.

46. *Resolved*, 3d, That said Board shall issue no new publications, except the writings of Swedenborg, or such works as

may be approved by the Committee on Spiritual and Religious Instruction, without the express authority of the Convention or its Executive Committee.

The Committee also reported the following resolution, passed by them, and adopted by the Convention: —

47. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated and paid by the Treasurer to Rev. A. O. Brickman, to aid him in continuing the publication of his German New-Church newspaper; and that said publication be recommended to the support of the church.

48. The next subject of the report that was taken up related to the Sub-committee appointed by the Executive Committee to raise funds, and also to the compensation of Rev. Mr. Hibbard, the travelling agent. On this subject, the action of the Committee was approved.

The report closed with the following resolution, which was adopted by the Convention: —

49. *Resolved*, That the report of the Executive Committee be accepted and approved, and that the resolutions contained therein be adopted; and that the Secretary be directed to publish in the Journal so much of this report, and of the action of said Committee, as may be necessary to enable the New-Church public to understand the operations and action of the Committee.

Mr. B. Worcester offered the following, which was adopted: —

50. *Resolved*, That the Committee appointed by the Executive Committee for the purpose of obtaining an act of incorporation be directed to consider the propriety and expediency of obtaining the act of incorporation for themselves and their associates as the business-corporation of the Convention, with an organization distinct from that of the Convention.

51. Rev. Mr. Pettee presented and read the report of the Committee on Spiritual and Religious Instruction, which was accepted; and the recommendations therein contained were adopted [Rep. 7].

The following, offered by Mr. B. Worcester, was adopted: —

52. *Resolved*, That a Special Committee of seven, of which the President of the Convention shall be the Chairman, be appointed to consider, and to report to the next meeting of the Convention, what are the proper uses of the Convention, and what are the best means of performing them.

53. Mr. Day offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted: —

Whereas it is desirable that a united effort should be made at the present time to collect and preserve the historical facts and statistics connected with the rise and progress of the New Church, and to prepare suitable records of her history; and whereas this meeting deems it expedient and proper to commence such a work; therefore, —

54. *Resolved,* That a Standing Committee or Board be now appointed from different parts of the country, who shall be requested to devise such measures as may be found necessary for the attainment of this object, and to report their transactions to the Convention.

The following, offered by Mr. Wilkins, was adopted: —

55. *Resolved,* That, when this Convention adjourns, it adjourn to meet in Boston on the second Wednesday in June, 1858 (84).

Dr. Towle presented the following, which was adopted: —

56. *Resolved,* That it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to make its general report to the Convention as early as the second day of its annual session, embracing all subjects intended to be brought before the body for its action.

The following resolutions, presented by Mr. James Reed, were adopted: —

57. *Resolved,* 1st, That it is the sense of the Convention, that the addresses which have been and are to be delivered in connection with this Centenary should be regarded only as the individual views of their authors.

58. *Resolved,* 2d, That, in case these addresses are published under the authority of the Convention, the above resolution be published with them (61, 62).

Col. James offered the following, which were adopted: —

59. *Resolved,* 1st, That the Convention deem it of great importance that the unprinted manuscripts, scientific and theological, of Emanuel Swedenborg, be printed at the earliest practicable period, under the superintendence of Dr. Tafel; and that next to this is to be desired a completion of the Latin edition of the theological works of Emanuel Swedenborg, under the care of Dr. Tafel (25).

60. *Resolved,* 2d, That, so soon as the requisite funds for this purpose are placed at the disposal of the Convention, measures shall be taken to complete the publications at the earliest period practicable (25).

61. Mr. Hobart presented the report of the Committee to which was referred the resolution proposing the publication of

the discourses delivered before the Convention at the present Centenary (28, 29). The Committee recommended that said discourses be published by the Convention, and that a Committee be raised for that purpose [Rep. 8].

62. The report was accepted; the recommendations therein presented were adopted; and Rev. Messrs. T. B. Hayward, William B. Hayden, and J. R. Hibbard, were made the Committee to publish said discourses.

63. Mr. Carpenter read a letter addressed to him by Messrs. J. L. Wayne, A. W. Gilbert, and E. Hinman, trustees, stating that a tract of land had been given by Judge Foster, near Cincinnati, for the establishment and support of a New-Church school, academy, or college, thereon. This document was ordered to be printed with the Journal.

64. Rev. J. P. Stuart offered the following preamble and propositions, and read a paper on the subject to which they relate. The paper and propositions were referred to the Committee of Ministers.

Whereas the New Church needs an efficient and well-trained ministry; and whereas there is not at present any well-defined method of supplying this constantly pressing and increasing want; and whereas the education, preparation, and qualification of suitable young men for the ministry of the church is one of the appropriate uses of this general body; therefore, —

65. *Moved,* 1st, That this duty be devolved upon a Standing Committee or Board, appointed by the Convention, and acting under its auspices.

66. *Moved,* 2d, That this Board be authorized to collect and disburse money for this use; to provide means of ministerial education, either in connection with some of the theological seminaries now existing, or by the foundation and endowment of a school of the kind under the control of the Convention, or by the employment of the services of the ministers of the church who are now officiating as pastors of societies, or otherwise.

67. *Moved,* 3d, That this Board be directed to proceed to the duty assigned them, and to appoint such agencies as they may find necessary in the completion of this work; and that they present a detailed account of their transactions to the Convention at its annual meetings.

68. Dr. Towle presented the following, which was referred to the Executive Committee: —

69. *Moved,* That Sect. 3 of the Constitution be so amended

as to admit presidents and professors of incorporated colleges and universities in the United States, being receivers of the heavenly doctrines of the New-Jerusalem church, to membership in this Convention *ex officio.*

70. The Treasurer read a statement of the moneys received or pledged at the present session of the Convention, amounting to $585.25.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. S. Reed, was adopted unanimously: —

71. *Resolved,* That this Convention has heard with much pleasure the communication from the General Conference of the New Church in Great Britain (8), and that the same be printed with the Journal.

72. The Committee on Nominations (35) reported a list of candidates; which report was accepted.

73. The Convention then proceeded to the election of officers; and the same Committee (35) was appointed to receive, sort, count, and report the votes.

74. By report of the Committee, the following persons were found to be unanimously elected: —

Rev. THOMAS WORCESTER	*President.*
Rev. JOHN R. HIBBARD	*Vice-President.*
Rev. T. B. HAYWARD	*Secretary.*
Mr. ROBERT L. SMITH	*Treasurer.*

Members of the Executive Committee. — Messrs. Sampson Reed, Oliver Gerrish, William D. Sewall, J. Young Scammon, Isaac S. Britton, John B. Niles, Charles Shepard, David Snyder, John Fonerden, Rev. Chauncey Giles, and R. S. Canby.

75. The Committee on the Lists (19) made verbally a partial report, which was accepted; and they were authorized to complete and publish their revision after the close of the session.

Rev. Mr. Giles presented the following, which was adopted: —

76. *Resolved,* That the President of the Convention be authorized to appoint one or more persons to visit the General Conference in Great Britain, and such other bodies of the New Church in Europe as they may be able to attend.

77. The following, offered by Mr. Edwin Burnham, was adopted unanimously; and the Secretary was directed to send copies of the same to the families of Mr. Carll and Mr. Hyde: —

78. Whereas, since the last meeting of the General Convention, the venerable Rev. Maskell M. Carll and Mr. Zina Hyde

have been removed to the spiritual world, we avail ourselves of this opportunity to express our grateful and affectionate estimation and appreciation of their faithful, zealous, and efficient efforts to promote the descent of the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, in which we cordially hope and believe they have found their blessed and eternal home.

79. The President was excused from announcing the several Committees that have been raised at the present session, and was authorized to fill the same hereafter, and furnish the names to the Secretary for insertion in the Journal.

80. The Chair has appointed the following persons to constitute the Committee under resolution No. 25: Messrs. J. H. Wilkins, J. H. James, and J. C. Keffer.

81. Also the following, as the Committee raised by resolution No. 52: Messrs. Niles, Scammon, Wilks, Giles, Gerrish, and B. Worcester.

82. Also, for the Committee under resolution 52, Messrs. James, S. Reed, Rodman, Dike, Smith, Roberts, W. H. Hinkley, Cabell, Carpenter, Hibbard, Fox, L. B. Curtis, and E. Burnham.

83. The Chair then announced the several Standing Committees. [These Committees will be found on a subsequent page of the Journal.]

84. It was then *Resolved*, That the Convention adjourn to to-morrow for the various religious services of the sabbath; and that, after said services, it be considered as adjourned to its next annual meeting (55).

Saturday Evening.

A discourse on the "Successive Dispensations or Churches" was delivered this evening by Rev. J. P. Stuart.

The following subjects had also been assigned for this evening: The influence of the New Jerusalem —

On Freedom	Sampson Reed.
On Science	Rev. George Field.
On Education	J. Young Scammon.
On Literature	N. F. Cabell.

Discourses on three of these subjects were delivered. One was omitted for want of time, but is to be published with the others (61, 62.)

Sunday, June 14.

The Convention met at eleven o'clock, A.M., for public worship; and Rev. Joseph Pettee officiated, and delivered a discourse on the "Permanence of the Church."

At three o'clock, P.M., the Convention assembled for the celebration of the Holy Supper.

Previous to the administration of that sacrament, Mr. Frederick William Türk was ordained by the President of the Convention, as a missionary with the powers of a pastor (23).

The Holy Supper was then administered by the President, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Hibbard and Silver, to about two hundred and twenty communicants.

At four o'clock, Rev. O. Prescott Hiller, of Glasgow, Scotland (20), and formerly minister of the Cincinnati Society, delivered a discourse from the twenty-third Psalm.

The Convention again assembled at eight o'clock in the evening; and the Rev. Thomas Storry delivered a discourse on the "Conduct of Life."

The Convention then stood adjourned.

THOMAS WORCESTER, *President.*
T. B. HAYWARD, *Secretary.*

SOCIAL FESTIVAL, MONDAY, JUNE 15.

The distinguishing feature and the predominant interest of this Convention were the twelve discourses in celebration of the Centenary of the New Jerusalem. These occupied so much time as materially to abridge the usual opportunities of social intercourse. The evenings of Wednesday and Friday were spent, by invitation, in social gatherings at the mansions of two of the New-Church friends in Cincinnati.

On Monday, the Cincinnati friends conveyed their guests to Clifton, a few miles from the city, where they conducted a social festival, which lasted through the day. The time was spent chiefly in conversation, and in extending and cultivating acquaintance among New-Church friends assembled from half the States of the Union, and from a breadth of fifteen hundred miles; and was diversified with addresses, with refreshments, with music from a fine band, and with dancing. Toward the close of the day, Mr. S. Reed, of Boston, offered, in behalf of the guests, the following resolution; which, seconded by Mr. R. L. Smith, of New York, and supported in a short speech by Mr. J. Westall, of Fall River, was carried

by a cordial and unanimous "Ay," followed by three hearty cheers: —

Resolved, That, before leaving the city of Cincinnati, we desire to express the pleasure and satisfaction we have enjoyed during our short visit in the city, and to thank our brethren and sisters of the New Church in this place for their uniform kindness and hospitality, and their constant efforts to make our stay with them both useful and agreeable.

RECORDS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

[The following are all the important acts of the Executive Committee during the past year, beyond those included in its Annual Report. — T. B. H., *Sec. Gen. Con.*]

CINCINNATI, June 9, 1857.

"The Sub-committee on the Celebration of the Centenary of the New Jerusalem made a report, presenting a programme of exercises extending through the session of the Convention, which was accepted; and the Sub-committee was directed to have said programme printed for general use."

"The President read a communication from Rev. William H. Benade, of Philadelphia, making inquiry relative to the society of which he is pastor being admitted a member of the Convention, and also his unofficial answer to the same. The answer was approved, and the communication laid on the table."

"A letter from Rev. Thomas P. Rodman, of Bridgewater, proposing triennial sessions of the Convention, was read, and laid on the table."

CINCINNATI, June 10, 1857.

"A letter from Rev. William H. Benade, in reply to the President's answer to his former letter, was read; and all these letters were referred to a Sub-committee consisting of the President and Messrs. Scammon and Giles."

CINCINNATI, June 12, 1857.

"The Sub-committee to which Mr. Benade's letters were referred, offered a report and resolution thereon, which were adopted, and incorporated into this Committee's report to the Convention.

"Rev. Mr. Hibbard presented the application of the Detroit Society for the consecration of Rev. George Field as an ordaining minister. It having been the uniform construction of the Constitution that no person within the bounds of any Association could be constituted an ordaining minister without the approbation of the authority of such Association, it is the opinion of the Committee that neither they nor the Convention have any constitutional authority to grant the request; and the President is requested to communicate with Mr. Field and the Detroit Society upon the subject, and to state to them the opinion of the Committee.

"*Voted,* That the above action be reported to the Convention."

[In the press of business on the last day of the session, both in Convention and in the Executive Committee, the requirement of this vote was overlooked. — T. B. H., *Sec.*]

Saturday, June 13, 5¼ *o'clock, p.m.*

"Rev. Abiel Silver and Dr. N. C. Towle were made a Committee to raise funds for the ensuing year, with power to add to their number.

"The President laid before the Committee a letter received by him this day from Mr. Barrett, relative to a pamphlet lately printed by him, entitled "The Judicial Capacity of the General Convention examined." The letter was read; and it was —

"*Resolved*, That the President and Secretary have authority to publish, or to permit to be published, any portion of the written Journals of the past sessions of this Convention, if they may judge it to be necessary.

"*Voted*, That the Committee on the Lists be governed, in making out the List of Ministers, by the Reports of the Associations, &c.

"T. B. Hayward, *Secretary*."

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

No. 1. — *Report of the Committee of Ministers on the Case of Mr. Beswick.*

At our last meeting, the following motion was made by Mr. Hough: —

"That Rev. Samuel Beswick, of the New-York Society, be received as a member of this Convention in the degree of his ordination."

This motion was made on the last day of the session, and was referred to the Committee of Ministers.

That Committee made a brief report. The subject was recommitted to them; and they would now beg leave to offer the following: —

As to the character and qualifications of Mr. Beswick for the office of minister, we express no opinion. We have not been called upon to inquire into that matter. The difficulty which we have to consider is in the manner of what is called "his ordination."

Mr. Beswick was ordained by Mr. Benjamin Fisk Barrett, who was at that time a member of this body, and had received from it authority to ordain.

But, in the case under consideration, Mr. Barrett did not act under the authority of the Convention, nor in accordance with its rules; but, in several important particulars, in opposition to those rules.

One of the rules is, that "persons without the bounds of an Association, or other general body of the church in connection with this Convention, may be licensed or ordained upon the recommendation of the Committee of Ministers, and the concurrence of the Executive Committee." But Mr. Beswick was ordained without any such recommendation and concurrence.

Another rule is, that "no person shall be constituted an ordaining minister without the recommendation of the Committee of Ministers, and the approbation of the Convention, or its Executive Committee, if the Convention be not in session." But Mr. Beswick was made an ordaining minister without that recommendation and approbation.

There are other particulars also in which the rules of the Convention have in this case been disregarded or violated; but it is not necessary to specify them.

Now, the General Convention has always carefully guarded the avenues of the ministry, and has never granted to any one man authority to license and ordain. At first it gave the authority to two, — its two ordaining ministers; then to three; and, since then, to still larger committees.

We conceive that the object of the Convention was a good object, and that the means were well adapted to the end. We think that cool, impartial judg-

ment should be exercised in deciding such questions; and we think that a person is not in a favorable situation for the exercise of his judgment, when he is called upon to act alone; for the circumstance that the application is made to him is liable to excite his vanity, and to please him. He will also have strong personal inducements to grant the application as a favor: for, if he grants it, he will please the applicant, and gain a friend to himself; but, if he refuses to grant it, he is likely to displease the applicant, and make an enemy to himself. All such personal considerations should be set aside. This the General Convention has always been sensible of, and has had the wisdom and kindness to place its officers in such circumstances as to prevent them, as far as possible, from falling into temptation, and to preserve their uprightness and impartiality.

The Committee of Ministers conceive it to be now as important as it ever has been, and more difficult than ever, to guard the avenues of introduction into the ministry.

They conceive that the rules of the Convention on this subject are good rules; and they think that no violation of them or departure from them ought to be connived at or sanctioned.

Your Committee are therefore of the opinion, that the motion to receive Mr. Beswick into the Convention in the degree of his ordination ought not to prevail.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

THOMAS WORCESTER,
ABIEL SIEVER,
J. R. HIBBARD,
J. P. STUART,
Committee of Ministers.

No. 2. — *Report of the Committee on the Liturgy for Sunday Schools.*

The Committee on the subject of a Liturgy or Manual for Sabbath Schools beg leave to report, — That, after much deliberation on the work assigned to them, and as much consultation with others as was possible, they have completed their work so far, that they are now proceeding to the final revision of the book which they have prepared; and they will be able in a few weeks to deliver the manuscript work to such charge as the Convention may direct, with the unanimous concurrence of the Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. P. STUART.
J. R. HIBBARD.
BENJAMIN WORCESTER.

CINCINNATI, June 10, 1857.

No. 3. — *Treasurer's Report.*

Robert L. Smith in Account with the General Convention.

DR.

1856.			
June 20.	To cash for balance of account from J. H. Wilkins, former Treasurer of Convention	$76.46	
1857.			
June 1.	To cash from sundry persons for the General Uses and Publication Fund of the General Convention, during and since its last session in Philadelphia	2,174.11	
			$2,250.57
June.	To cash received for Missionary and Colportage account		394.25
	To cash for Education of Ministers' Fund		152.71
	To cash from the executors of the estate of the late O. P. Turner, being a balance in full		226.83
	To cash for the American Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society, Feb. 17, 1857		50.00
	To cash for the purchase of stereotype plates from Mr. Clapp		666.25
	To cash loans at sundry times from J. Y. Scammon, since last session of Convention		1,100.00
			$4,840.61

1856.		Cr.		
May 29.	By cash paid Rev. T. B. Hayward, Secretary of the General Con-		$25.00	
June 14.	vention, for his travelling and other expenses		30.00	
				$55.00
July 15.	By cash paid Rev. A. O. Brickman, by vote of Convention . . .			25.00
Aug. 13.	By cash paid Otis Clapp for printing Journal of Convention . .			92.63
Sept. 27.	By investment of the Turner Fund, balance of account, and Edu-			
	cation of Ministers' Fund, in one note drawn by Messrs. J.		226.83	
	B. & Co., on demand, with seven per cent interest . . .		152.00	
1857.				378.83
Feb. 17.	By cash paid Otis Clapp for plates bought of him			666.25
Mar. 21.	By cash paid for J. H. Wilkins's bill of books to Mr. Jewett, funds remitted			15.80
1856 to				
June 1,	By cash paid for expenses, consisting of account-books, postage-stamps,			
1857.	stationery, &c.			20.38
	By cash paid for drafts of the Missionary and Colportage Committee . .			394.25
	By cash paid for the uses of the Board of Publications; J. L. Jewett's account			2,866.19
Mar. 11.	By cash paid C. Sullivan, Esq., Treasurer of the American Swedenborg			
	Printing and Publishing Society			50.00
June 1.	By cash balance to new account of the General and Publication			
	Fund		$275.57	
	By balance to new account for education of ministers, exclusive			
	of investment		71	
				276.28
				$4,840.61

The subscribers, made a Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, have attended to that duty. The accounts are correctly cast; and the vouchers, with the explanation of the Treasurer, are satisfactory.

JOHN H. WILKINS.
I. S. BRITTON.

In addition to the above, the Treasurer begs leave to present the following: —

From the statement of accounts herewith presented, it will be seen that a balance of $275.57 is in the treasury, subject to the Fund for General Uses and Publication Fund; and the Education of Ministers Fund, a note, and cash of $152.71.

The Missionary and Colportage Committee have been paid $394.25, — the whole of the fund collected.

There yet remains due and unpaid upon the subscription-list obtained by the Rev. Mr. Hibbard for the last year upwards of $700, and is an asset due the Convention at this time.

And upon the books of accounts of the Board of Publications, kept at their publishing-rooms in New York, there also appears a balance of assets belonging to the Convention, of $2,825.07. It is composed of debts due from subscribers to the "Messenger," stock of books, fixtures, &c.

The Convention is indebted for sundry loans from Mr. Scammon, during the year, of eleven hundred dollars, as exhibited in the account current. (See above.)

From the estate of the late Dr. Rice nothing has yet been received; but, in a letter from the executor to Sampson Reed, Esq., of Boston, he remarks that he expects to close up the affairs in the autumn.

I have received from the executors of the estate of the late O. P. Turner, since the last session of Convention, a final balance of their accounts, amounting to $226.83, and have it invested in a note against Messrs. J. B. & Co., with interest from date, on demand. This fund, now including some of the stereotype plates, amounts to $1,926.83.

The Convention has other plates, valued at $666.25.

From the "Heavenly Arcanas" donated to the Convention by Mr. Wilkins, of Boston, I supplied the following institutions and individuals: —

Nine volumes to the Rutgers College Library, situated at New Brunswick, N.J., which completed an imperfect set presented to this institution thirteen years since.
Ten volumes ditto, including the Index, to the Apprentices' Library of the city of New York: these completed their set also.
Ten volumes ditto, including the Index, to the Rev. John H. Manning, a Dutch Reformed minister of Brooklyn, N.Y.
Five volumes ditto to the Westbrook Academy, in the State of Maine.
Nine volumes ditto to a reader in Brooklyn, N.Y.
Thirteen volumes ditto to the Theological Seminary, East-Windsor, Conn., through Professor Lawrence.
Six volumes ditto to the Nasatau Theological Seminary at Delafield, Wisconsin.

In a letter received from the Rev. A. D. Cole, President of the Institution, in reply to one from me, he expressed a desire to receive into their library the works of Swedenborg: but, not having an assortment of them for distribution, I made known the circumstance to the managers of the American New-Church Missionary and Tract Society residing in Brooklyn, who authorized me to furnish the institution with the following additional works from their depository; which I did, and packed with the Arcana in one box; viz., the True Christian Religion; Heaven and Hell; Divine Providence; Hobart's Life of Swedenborg; Summary Exposition; Divine Love and Wisdom; Earths in the Universe; Brief Exposition of the Doctrines; the Doctrine of the Lord; Doctrine of Life; Doctrine of Faith; Heavenly Doctrines; and a number of tracts. The box was forwarded by railroad, and duly received and acknowledged by the President, with thanks.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ROBT. L. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

No. 4. — *Report of the Committee of Ministers on the Ordination of Mr. Türk.*

Application having been made to the Committee of Ministers, by Mr. F. W. Türk, for his ordination into the ministry of the New Church at the present session of the Convention, the Committee, having considered the evidences presented to them of the moral and religious qualifications of the applicant, and the reasons adduced why he should be ordained at the present time, are favorable to the granting of the request, and would recommend to the Convention, in the present instance, the suspension of the rule requiring persons to hold a license for one year before being ordained.

The reasons for recommending this suspension exist in the peculiar circumstances and necessities of the case. Mr. Türk is a Lutheran minister, residing in Canada West. He has for six years been receiving the doctrines of the New Church, and for some years preaching them. The New-Jerusalem Society at Berlin, C.W., has asked his ordination. The people of that society are now in want of the ordinances of the church, and desire Mr. Türk to become their pastor. The fact, that he has been for years a public preacher of the doctrines, seems to be a good reason why the rule should be suspended; and the necessities of the case seem to call for it.

Respectfully submitted,

T. WORCESTER,
J. R. HIBBARD,
J. P. STUART,
ABIEL SILVER,
} *Committee of Ministers.*

No. 5. — *Report of the Missionary and Colportage Committee.*

To the General Convention of the New Church in the United States of America.

The Missionary and Colportage Committee in Account with the General Convention.

DR.

1857.		
June 10.	To cash received at sundry times from the Treasurer, as may be seen by his report	$394.25
	To cash received from sundry individuals through Rev. Jabez Fox, missionary, as stated in his report accompanying this	231.62
		$625.87

CR.

1857.		
June 10.	By cash paid Rev. W. B. Hayden for missionary services	$20.00
	By cash paid Rev. Jabez Fox for missionary services	400.00
	By cash paid C. A. Dunham for colportage services done in Pennsylvania and Maryland	105.87
	By cash paid L. F. Pingree for colportage services done in New Hampshire	100.00
		$625.87

Your Committee employed Mr. Fox as a missionary of the General Convention, at a salary of $1,200 per year, for such portion of the time as there should be funds collected for missionary purposes to pay him; he bearing his own expenses, and applying towards the payment of this salary whatever subscriptions and contributions he might receive from other sources for his services. He served the Convention four months, for which he received through the Treasurer $168.38

And from others, as per his report 231.62

Making, in full payment for services rendered $400.00

The services of Mr. Dunham have been published in the "Messenger;" and also of Mr. Pingree, as far as he has reported; which appear quite satisfactory.

From the result of this experiment, your Committee feel confident that the money has been well expended, and that missionary and colportage uses are worthy the high consideration of the Convention.

At this exciting age, when old religious systems are crumbling and falling, and new ones, of all shades of doubtful character, are rising up amid the ruins, the writings of the New Church and the missionary of truth are the great things needed; for these writings are the efficient correctives of all false systems of religion and philosophy.

It is truly alarming to behold the pernicious systems of social and religious combinations which are forming in various portions of the world, as new ideas excite the free minds of men to action, and as they cut loose from the religious dogmas of the age, and cast aside the Holy Word as an unintelligible book.

Now, nothing but the Holy Word itself can possibly arrest and overcome these growing evils. The Lord alone must do the work; and he can do it only by his *second coming*. Without that coming, the power of the Bible is lost, never to be regained. Without a looking to the Lord in the power of his Word, the race is ruined. Confidence in the Lord, therefore, and in the truth of his Holy Word, must by some means be restored. This confidence can be regained only by a rational view of God's nature and character, and of the nature and character of his Word. This view the writings of the New Church clearly give.

God, therefore, has committed to the people of the New Jerusalem the means and the responsibility of giving to the world the true light and knowledge of himself and of his Word. Thousands are now asking for light; and, for the want thereof, are embracing error. The writings of the New Church and the living missionary must be the great means, in the hands of the Lord, for arresting and overcoming the direful evils and falsities of the age, and of restoring the world to order, happiness, and peace.

Shall we give to perishing humanity the bread and water of life?

Respectfully submitted,

ABIEL SILVER,
WILLIAM B. HAYDEN,
N. C. TOWLE,
S. S. CARPENTER,
WILLIAM ROBERTS,
Missionary and Colportage Committee.

No. 6. — *Report of the Executive Committee.*

The Executive Committee report, that a correspondence which has passed between Rev. William H. Benade, pastor of a society of the New Church in Philadelphia, and the President, relative to said society being admitted as a member of this Convention, has been submitted to them, and referred to a Subcommittee, with instructions to confer on the subject with Mr. J. W. Scott, a member of said society, who has been present at this Convention. They, however, regret to say, that, before opportunity for such conference could be attained, Mr. Scott had left the city.

The Committee have read with much interest these communications, and particularly that from Mr. Benade of June 5, 1857; and while they are not

prepared to say that either they or the Convention agree with the society, of which Mr. Benade is pastor, in the views it entertains, or that they, as a body, dissent therefrom, they most cordially recognize Mr. Benade's society as an ecclesiastical organization, and as entitled to all the rights and privileges of an orderly society of the New Church, and should be rejoiced to have the opportunity of extending to it the right hand of fellowship, and receiving it as a member of the Convention. The Committee believe, that, by association, we can act harmoniously and usefully together. They recommend, for adoption by the Convention, the following resolution, and that the President be directed to reply to the communication of Mr. Benade. (See Journal, 39.)

The Executive Committee also submit the following report from the Board of Publications: —

Report of the Board of Publications.

To the Executive Committee of the General Convention of the New Church in the United States.

The Board of Publications respectfully submit the following report of their transactions during the year that has just closed: —

Soon after the Board entered upon their duties, in June, 1856, it was determined to transfer the stereotype plates belonging to the Convention to New York, and to concentrate the principal business of the Board in that city. The plates were consequently removed, an order to that effect having been previously passed by the Executive Committee of the Convention; and they are now there deposited in the keeping of the Treasurer of the Convention. In November, 1856, the sales-room and office of the newspaper were removed from No. 5, Canal street, to No. 215, on the same street, — a more eligible situation, with rooms on the second floor instead of the fourth, at an increase of rent of fifty dollars ($50); the former being two hundred and fifty dollars, and the latter three hundred, per annum. In November, 1856, an edition of five hundred copies of the Book of Worship was issued; three hundred and fifty of which have been sold, one hundred and fifty remaining on hand. About the 1st of January, 1857, a further purchase of plates was made, consisting of those works of Swedenborg owned by Mr. Clapp, of Boston; several parties having contributed funds to enable the Board to effect the purchase. The whole amount actually assumed by the Board was $666.25, which has been advanced by parties, and paid over to Mr. Clapp; and $500 have been contributed to make up the sum; but $166.25 are still wanted in contributions to complete the payment. Since the purchase of those plates, editions of the "True Christian Religion" and "Last Judgment" have been published, a portion only of which have been sold, but few months having elapsed since their issue.

Besides the sales of these publications, works relating to the church have been kept on sale, and supplied on orders, at the depository, to the extent that our means would allow; and the whole amount of books disposed of for the year has been nearly one thousand dollars ($991.93). The gross profits on this amount, as nearly as can be ascertained, have been about $233; while the expenses of this department, charging it with its proportion of rent, &c., have been $485.77; leaving a loss of $252.29.

It will be seen, therefore, that, with our present limited means, the Book Depository has paid nearly half its expenses for the past year. The arrangements are such, that three times the present amount of business might be done, without materially increasing the expenses of the establishment; and, in view of this, the Board will take this occasion to present to the Committee and Convention the desirableness and importance of an increased capital to be invested in the business. It is estimated that $1,500 would be a sum amply sufficient to stock the depository with all necessary and desirable New-Church books; and which, together with the publications that may from time to time be issued by the Board, will enable the concern to carry on a business which will meet its own expenses almost immediately, with a prospect of a future business that will

yield some profit, and which will aid in reducing the deficiency that now accrues so largely on the newspaper.

Mr. Hayden's time being too much occupied during the last year to admit of his retaining the position of responsible editor of the "Messenger," he resigned it; and, since his resignation, the paper has been, and now is, under the general editorial direction of a Committee of Ministers, consisting of the Rev. William B. Hayden, of Maine, Rev. Warren Goddard, of Massachusetts, and the Rev. Chauncey Giles, of Ohio; the relation of Mr. Jewett with the "Messenger" remaining as heretofore.

The total circulation of the "Messenger" is 1,860. Of these, 128 are free, and 58 sent in exchange, — 186; leaving a net paying circulation of say 1,674. Some further allowance must, however, be made, on account of subscribers who fail to pay; and 1,600 will probably be the highest estimate that can be safely made of actually paying subscribers.

The whole income of the paper for the year, received from advertisers and subscribers, is $2,094.48

or something over two thousand dollars; and the entire expenditure has exceeded four thousand dollars 4,169.44

Showing an excess of expenditure over income, in this department, of about two thousand and fifty dollars. 2,074.96

This excess, however, is not all a loss, as there is an increased amount this year due from subscribers, of two hundred and eighty dollars 280.00

$1,794.96

over the amount at the same time last year; which will reduce the actual loss sustained on the "Messenger" to seventeen hundred and ninety-four dollars and ninety-six cents. The entire loss sustained for the whole establishment actually paid out is two thousand and forty-seven dollars and twenty-five cents; $2,047.25

To which if we add for depreciation of fixtures, printing materials, &c., twenty per cent on the amount invested therein, we shall have two hundred and thirty-three dollars and nine cents 233.09

Making twenty-two hundred and eighty dollars and thirty-four cents as the grand total of losses sustained 2,280.34

The amount advanced to the Agent by the Treasurer of the Convention has been two thousand eight hundred and sixty-six dollars and nineteen cents $2,866.19

Two hundred and sixty-nine dollars of which are now on hand . 269.00

And two hundred and eighty dollars have been needed to meet the delays in payment of the increased dues from the subscription-list. $2,597.19

Twelve hundred dollars are now due the establishment from subscribers to the "Messenger;" a sum which, if promptly paid, would fall very lightly on each individual, but would place the finances of the concern in a flourishing condition.

In summing up their doings for the year in this department, the Board will remark, that with the limited means at their disposal, and with all the arrangements connected with the business in an unsettled and merely forming condition, about a million and a half of pages of printed matter, and about four thousand volumes of New-Church books, have been put in circulation by the concern. And the experience of the year leads to the conclusion, that there is a present and increasing demand for such a book-establishment as has been contemplated by the Board, and that such an establishment will perform an important use in aiding the growth and spread of the church.

The circulation of the "New-Jerusalem Magazine" at present is 832, of which 51 belong to the free list and the exchanges; leaving the number of subscribers 781. According to the account rendered by the publisher, the receipts for the magazine for the year 1854–5 exceed the expenditures by $108.18, and fall short in the year 1855–6 by $289.77, and in the year 1856–7 by $427.41; leaving a present balance against the magazine of $609. To offset this deficiency, there are due from subscribers for 1854–5, $482; for 1855–6, $578; and for 1856–7, $800; making the sum total of $1,860. There are also on hand

72 complete sets of volume 27, 54 sets of volume 28, and 100 sets of volume 29; making 226 volumes, besides odd numbers.

The circulation of the "New-Church Magazine for Children" is reported by the publisher to be 831, of which 40 are free and exchanges, — leaving the number of subscribers 791; being an increase of 103 over the number reported last year. By the accounts of the publisher, this periodical, including six numbers of the present volume, is out of debt; and there is a balance on hand to the credit of the work, of $90.81. There are due on the present volume $391, a portion of which will be wanted to complete the volume. There are due for the year 1856, $207; and from the previous years, $867; making the sum due from delinquent subscribers, not including the present volume, $1,074. There are also on hand a large number of back volumes and odd numbers, and some paper. It is obvious that more efficient measures should be taken to collect the large amount of delinquent subscriptions on both of these publications.

Respectfully submitted by the Board.

The Executive Committee also present the following Report of the Committee appointed by the Executive Committee to raise funds for the uses of the Convention, together with the action of the Executive Committee in relation to the same: —

Report of Committee to raise Funds.

To the Executive Committee of the General Convention of the New Church in the United States.

Brethren, — At your last meeting, held at the Girard House, in Philadelphia, on the evening of the 9th of June, 1856, the following order was passed: —

"*Ordered*, That a committee of three be appointed to take charge of the raising of funds for the uses of the Convention, and who shall have power to employ a General Agent, and take such other action upon the subject as they think proper."

Immediately following the "order" in the record is the following minute: —

"Mr. Hibbard was made Chairman of this Committee, with power to name his colleagues."

In accordance with the foregoing, immediately after the adjournment of that meeting, Rev. Abiel Silver, of Contoocookville, N.H., and Dr. N. C. Towle, of Washington, D.C., were named as colleagues, and a plan for raising funds devised. A general subscription-book was prepared, containing separate columns for a General, a Publication, and a Missionary and Colportage Fund, with blank leaves for donations at will; and it was proposed, as far as possible, to give every friend of the church in the United States an opportunity to enroll his or her name as a regular contributor to one or all of the uses named, paying quarterly, semi-annually, or annually, as they might designate, such amount as they might subscribe. To carry out this plan required a General Agent, who should visit, as far as possible, all the societies, and lay before them the subject of the church and its uses, and solicit the active co-operation of all receivers and friends. After two months' delay in a fruitless effort to procure the services of a proper person, there seemed no other alternative than to abandon the effort, or for the Chairman of the Committee to undertake the work himself. The Chicago Society, of which he is pastor, granting him leave of absence, he began to prepare for the work on the 15th of August; and from that time, for a period of four and a half months, devoted himself exclusively to it. He first addressed the receivers and friends in Chicago; and then successively visited Peoria and Canton, in Illinois; Urbana, in Ohio; Bath, Gardiner, Hallowell, Augusta, Portland, and Bangor, in Maine; Boston, Springfield, Abington, East Bridgewater, West Bridgewater, North Bridgewater, South Bridgewater, Brookline, and Pawtucket, in Massachusetts; Brooklyn and Riverhead, on Long Island; New-York City; Philadelphia, Darby, and Frankford, in Pennsylvania; Wilmington, in Delaware; Annapolis and Baltimore, in Maryland; Washington, in D.C.; and, returning westward, visited Lancaster and Pittsburg, in Pennsylvania. He intended to visit Cincinnati, Detroit, St. Louis, and other places in the West, but was prevented by want of time and by illness.

The whole amount of subscriptions enrolled by the Chairman, reduced to annual subscriptions, is as follows: —

To the General Fund	$28,005.9
To the Publication Fund	682.25
To the Missionary and Colportage Fund	186.25
Making a total in annual subscriptions of	2,874.48
Whole amount of donations received	254.10
	3,128.58
Less amount collected for and paid to the A. S. P. and P. S.	10.00
Total subscriptions and donations for this year	$3,118.58

We presume it fair to assume, that not over ninety per cent will be paid. With proper exertion on the part of the treasurer and local collectors, this per cent can be more than made good by new subscriptions.

In order that the plan might be permanent and effective, it seemed necessary that local collectors or agents should be appointed, in every considerable locality, to extend the subscription-list, make collections, and send remittances to the treasurer, &c. Accordingly, the following persons were appointed in the several localities named, and to each a certificate of appointment given: —

Willard G. Day, of Urbana, Ohio, for Ohio.
L. F. Pingree, of Portland, Me., for Maine.
William J. Parsons, of Boston, for Boston and vicinity.
Nathan Foster, of Springfield, Mass., for Springfield and vicinity.
Charles A. Dunham, of Abington, Mass., for the State of Massachusetts.
John L. Jewett, of New York, for New York and vicinity.
William Roberts, South Ninth Street, Philadelphia, for Philadelphia and vicinity.
Dr. John Fonerden, of Baltimore, for Baltimore and vicinity.
William G. Parkhurst, of Washington, D.C., for Washington and vicinity.
David McCandless, of Pittsburg, for Pittsburg and vicinity.
Edward Rawson, of Chicago, for Chicago and vicinity.

With each local collector was left a small duplicate of the General Subscription Book, containing the names enrolled in his district.

In regard to the compensation which should be allowed the Chairman of the Committee for his services, as he relinquished his salary from the Chicago Society during the time he served the Convention, it was supposed that his own personal travelling expenses, and the same amount for the time spent that he would have received from his society had he remained at home, would not be out of the way. But this your Committee leave entirely to your decision.

A duplicate of the General Subscription Book, with a quantity of certificates to be issued to contributors, has been placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Convention; to whom local agents and isolated contributors have been requested to report, and remit collections or moneys due the Convention.

In conclusion, while your Committee are conscious of the imperfect manner in which the duties assigned them have been discharged, they enjoy the satisfaction of having performed them to the best of their ability. And, in resigning into your hands the trust received from you, we take the liberty to suggest, whether the Treasurer, assisted by the local agents or collectors who have been or may be appointed, would not constitute the most effective Financial Committee for the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Hibbard,
Abiel Silver,
N. C. Towle,
Committee.

On the above report the records of the Executive Committee show the following action: —

"This report was accepted; and it was voted that Mr. Hibbard's travelling expenses, and his salary for four and a half months with the Chicago Society, of which he is pastor, be allowed him as compensation for his services, — $564.63."

The Executive Committee recommend that Sect. 15 of the Constitution be amended by adding to the end of that section the following words: —

"But the Committee or Treasurer may accept loans of money, on the condition that it may be hereafter refunded from the assets of the Convention; for the repayment of which, neither the members of the Convention nor the Turner Fund shall be held responsible." (See Journal, No. 41.)

They also submit the annexed paper, marked C, and recommend its adoption by the Convention. (See Journal, 42, 43.)

The following resolutions in relation to the Board of Publications and its operations have been adopted by the Committee. (See Journal, 44–46.)

A Committee has been appointed to procure an Act of Incorporation of the General Convention from the Legislature of some one of the United States.

The Committee, highly appreciating the services rendered to the church by the Rev. A. O. Brickman in his German publication, have adopted the following resolution. (See Journal, 47.)

In conclusion, the Committee submit the following resolution: —

Resolved, That the report of the Executive Committee be accepted and approved, and the resolutions and recommendations contained therein be adopted, and the Secretary directed to publish in the Journal so much of this report and the action of said Committee as may be necessary to enable the New-Church public to understand the operations and action of the Committee.

No. 7. — *Report of the Committee on Spiritual and Religious Instruction.*

The Committee on Spiritual and Religious Instruction respectfully offers the following report: —

It will be seen, by reference to the last year's report of this Committee, that the publication of the work of Mr. T. O. Paine, on the Tabernacle and Temple, was expected at the time that report was made. It is there stated, that "Mr. Paine is now making arrangements for its publication." Our expectations have not been realized; and the prospect that they will be at a very early day is not encouraging.

The publication of the work in a suitable form would involve so much expense, that a publishing-house would not be willing to undertake it, without such strong recommendations from eminent biblical students as would insure a large sale. Mr. Paine has submitted his work to several men of this character; and though they have spoken favorably of it, yet, either from a want of interest or of time, they have not given it such an examination as to be prepared to express a decided opinion of its merits.

The opinion of such members of your Committee as have been able to give particular attention to the subject remains unchanged, — that the means of determining the form of the Tabernacle and Temple are furnished in the letter of the Old Testament; and that Mr. Paine has, from those means, given a description of the two houses, which is, we do not say *absolutely*, but substantially, correct.

In pursuance of the duty assigned to your Committee, "to assist Mr. Paine in the publication of the work," at one of our meetings, at which Mr. Paine by our invitation was present, after considerable consideration of the subject, the following resolutions were adopted: —

"*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is desirable that Mr. Paine's work on the Tabernacle and Temple be published, if practicable.

"*Resolved*, 2d, That Mr. S. Reed be requested to aid Mr. Paine in the matter of publishing said work; and that Messrs. T. Parsons, J. H. Wilkins, and T. H. Carter, be requested to co-operate with Mr. Reed in this thing."

The results of the efforts and inquiries of these gentlemen were not such as to encourage us to expect that any house would be willing to take the responsibility of publishing the work in so expensive a form as the present drawings require. Mr. Paine has suggested the plan of making smaller drawings, which could be published at less expense. The Committee think favorably of this, and would recommend that Mr. Paine be requested by the Convention to prepare a work on the Tabernacle and Temple in a cheaper form, in case there is reason to think that it may be published in such a form, either by a publishing-house or by the Board of Publications.

It was stated, in our report last year, that Mr. Paine's "engagements with the work" above spoken of "prevented his preparation of the Concordance."

We are glad of the fact, that Mr. Paine is now employed in preaching regularly to one of the societies of the Convention; but it is a matter of much regret to us, that the preparation of a work so much needed, for which he seems so eminently qualified, and of which he seemed to have so good a conception, is interrupted. Your Committee would recommend, that Mr. Paine be requested by the Convention to employ as much time the coming year, as is consistent with his other engagements, in prosecuting the work of preparing his proposed Concordance of the Works of Swedenborg; and that the Executive Committee be requested to consider the expediency of rendering him some pecuniary aid during the preparation of the work, and authorized to do so, if in their judgment it is expedient.

There have been submitted to us during the last year, by a minister of the New Church in this country, two series of "Illustrations of Scripture," — one of the series upon the Parable of the Talents, in Matthew, chap. xxv.; and the other series upon the three first chapters of Genesis. They were submitted for the purpose, if approved, of being published more particularly for the use of the children in the sabbath schools.

We have examined the Illustrations with considerable care, and have unanimously recommended their publication for the proposed object. Steps were immediately taken by the author to bring out the work. It will soon be stereotyped. A third part is already completed. An edition will be published, and be ready for those who desire it.

We congratulate our brethren of the New Church on the publication of this work: it goes to supply a want which is much and extensively felt. There are few things that are needed more by us than books of religious instruction suited to children.

In this connection, it may be proper to introduce another matter with which your Committee is charged, and which was alluded to in last year's report. We refer to a doctrinal text-book, to succeed the Catechism in our sabbath schools. The work of preparing this has been making progress, though it is not fully completed. We have reason to hope that the first part of the book will be published very soon; and more parts, if not the whole, in the course of the year.

In the month of November last, ten sermons were submitted to your Committee by one of its members, a minister of the New Church, with a view to their publication, in case the Committee approve them. They have been approved, and are expected to be published as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made.

Your Committee are happy to be able to report the continued and increasing prosperity of the "New-Church Magazine for Children," which is published under their supervision. Though it has doubtless many imperfections, and is far from being what we desire it to be and trust it will become, yet we have

reason to think that it may be regarded as performing considerable use in the field which it occupies.

The number of subscribers one year since was six hundred and eighty-eight. It is now seven hundred and ninety-one; giving an increase of a hundred and three. Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH PETTEE,
C. GILES,
J. P. STUART,
SAMPSON REED,
I. S. BRITTON,
T. B. HAYWARD,
JOHN WESTALL,
Committee on Spiritual and Religious Instruction.

No. 8. — *Report of Committee on publishing the Discourses delivered at this Centenary.*

To the General Convention of the New Church in the United States of America.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution proposing the publication of the discourses or addresses delivered before the Convention at this Centenary, together with the amendments proposed, have considered the same, and ask leave to report: —

That the subject of the resolution meets our hearty approval; and we recommend that the several addresses delivered at this meeting of the Convention be printed in a clear type and on good paper, and bound in a volume to be called "The Centenary of the New Jerusalem."

That, in the preparation of said book, the addresses be preceded by a short introductory sketch of the life of Emanuel Swedenborg and of the character of his writings, and a succinct statement of the condition of the New Church at this day, as far as the same can be ascertained, and also statistics of the number of receivers, and of the institutions and operations of the New Church; and that said addresses be followed by the Journal of this session of the General Convention; and that said book be bound in various styles of binding to suit the wants of purchasers, and, when completed, placed in the hands of the Board of Publications for distribution and sale, — the expense of such publication to be covered by subscription, if necessary; and that a Committee be appointed by the Convention, clothed with full powers to carry these recommendations into effect.

BENJ. HOBART.
N. FRANCIS CABELL.
J. Y. SCAMMON.

CINCINNATI, June 13, 1857.

No. 9. — *Report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence.*

To the General Convention of the New Church in the United States of America.

The Committee of Foreign Correspondence have no special communication to make to the Convention, beyond what is contained in the accompanying letter from Dr. Tafel, of Tubingen, to Mr. Joseph Andrews, of Waltham, Mass., one of the Committee. They submit such parts of said letter as are of a public character to the consideration of the Convention.

J. YOUNG SCAMMON,
ARTHUR O. BRICKMAN,
N. C. TOWLE,
For the Committee.

CINCINNATI, June 11, 1857.

P.S. — Subsequent to the presentation of this report, a letter from Dr. Tafel to Mr. Sampson Reed, and one from M. Le Boys des Guays to Mr. Theophilus Parsons, another member of the Committee, have been put into the hands of the Committee, and are appended to this report, and published therewith. They will be found to be full of interest and encouragement.

Dr. Tafel's Letter to Mr. Andrews.

My very dear Sir and Brother, — Receive my heartfelt thanks for your kind letter of April 12, together with the enclosed draft of eight pounds for the books (viz., the twenty-four copies of the "Vera Christiana Religio," vol. i., I sent you), which reached me to-day. Should the second volume appear before a year to come, you will entirely use your pleasure in paying for it; which shall never trouble you.

You wish to be informed as to the manuscript of the "Biblical Dictionary." Who has examined it? and what would it cost to print it in Latin? When would funds be needed for that purpose? and what times might different sums be sent to meet the expense of publication? To this I answer, That I received the notice on the "Biblical Dictionary" of Swedenborg, the marginal notes in the copy of the Bible which he used, and other manuscripts yet unpublished, from the well-known Dr. Kahl (dean at Lund [Prosten] and knight of the North-Star order, who had some chances of being elected bishop), to whom we are indebted for the communication of so many documents concerning the life of Swedenborg; for that of the manuscript of vol. 1 of the "Diarium," in folio, for the transcript of fasc. 1 of the "Adversaria;" the commission for copying fasc. 1–4 of them; and for the translation of the "Itinerarium" into the Latin. He told me about it when he, on his way from London, was here about eight days, and promised me to travel for the purpose to Stockholm to give me more information; which I put him in mind of some time ago, and shall again do it; although I doubt not that now, in the better season, he will do it of his own accord, as he is a most excellent and zealous man, always breathing for instruction. The principal step will be to procure the loan of the manuscripts from the Academy at Stockholm, which can best be effected by the Swedenborg Society at London, to which the academy is indebted for having so honestly sent the manuscripts which once came into their possession: wherefore the academy has already delivered the manuscripts which the society wished for publication. I have therefore written to the General Conference, to members of the Centenary Committee, and to-day also to a distinguished member of the Swedenborg Society, to induce them to take in good season the necessary measures in this direction; which I doubt not will be done accordingly. In a letter from an American at present residing at Manchester, dated April 4, it was said to me, "This proposal meets with favor, so far as I know, from all in the church to whom the subject is mentioned." As to the funds or costs of printing these manuscripts in Latin, it is impossible for me to give an answer, because I have not yet seen them, nor do I know even their number. If I remember rightly, Dr. Kahl spoke of two volumes of the dictionary in folio. With the marginal notes to the Bible should perhaps also be printed that part of it — that is, of Seb. Schmidt's Latin version (with respect to Swedenborg's corrections)—which contains the real books of the Word; perhaps, if commented, also other books of the Bible. The edition should be printed on the best paper, and new printing-types be purchased, the publication accelerated, and so much time spent on it as possible. In order to be enabled to do this, I should pay an assistant for copying the manuscripts under my immediate inspection, and for other things which could be done by another. To these exigencies, the best answer is the generous proposal of an *annual* subscription, made, as I read quite unexpectedly to me, in the "N. J. Messenger," by Rev. J. R. Hibbard and another gentleman. I think it would be just to give to such generous subscribers an equivalent in books published at my expense, according to their own pleasure, and with a more than usual discount; viz., fifty per cent. But the question would be, What to do with such publications and reprints? To this we find perhaps an answer, in part at least, in that letter of a distinguished minister of the New Church, dated Aug. 30, 1853, where he said, "I should like to see a new Latin edition of the 'Vera Christiana Religio,' &c., which I hope you may live to see through the press, as many corrections are required in the 'Editio Princeps,' which you . . . could . . . accomplish. I should like also to have one copy of the new Latin edition of the 'Vera Religio,' &c., sent to

every distinguished theological professor . . . at the various universities and theological institutions, together with a suitable address which might induce them to read and study it." It seems to me that each copy should also be accompanied, or at least followed, by the "Summaria Expositio Doctrinæ," because Swedenborg gave it vsbg. as a "Sciagraphia" and "Breviarium" of the T. C. R. (see § 1 of the "Summ. Expos."). The said address should, I think, show, in a meek but unreserved manner, that the doctrines of the Old Church are not only in one or some, but in all respects, according to all categories, against conscience and sound reason, and quite unable to be internally received and believed, because consisting throughout of inconsistencies; which categories correspond to commandment one, two, three, and four. Such a distribution would be a worthy celebration of the Centenary; and both proposals would support each other. The said annual subscription, if realized, should not be restricted to the publication of the manuscripts, but also to the necessary reprints; so that in the mean time, till the manuscripts are here, the publication of the "Summary Exposition" could follow immediately after the second volume of the "Vera Christ. Religio," now in print. I have also a great desire to see the manuscript of the "Quinque Memorabilia Maximi Momenti," and to publish them.

I beg to present my hearty greetings to all brethren. With kind remembrances from my family, I remain, my dear sir, truly,

Your grateful friend and brother,

EMANUEL TAFEL.

TUBINGEN, May 1, 1857.

Dr. Tafel's Letter to Mr. Reed.

My very dear Sir, — Easter Day brought me a peculiar joy, which will be communicated to the whole church. It was a letter from Mr. T. P. Grimm, missionary at Batavia, Isle of Java, dated Feb. 6, 1857, in which he says, "I have lately read, in the proceedings of your General Convention of April, 1849, the part in which it is said that you will distribute your writings for the propagation of the kingdom of God. Now, as I, as a missionary of the China Society, and of the minister O. G. Heldring, in the Netherlands, am sent to preach the gospel in Java, and in the other islands of this archipelago, and am at the same time assured that the doctrine of Swedenborg is of God, I take the liberty of most humbly begging your association to send me a box containing all the works of Swedenborg, and of others who have succeeded him. There are many German merchants and soldiers here, and many Hollanders too, who understand the German language, to whom I can distribute them. With God's assistance, I hope also to translate some works of the New Church into the Malayan language. I have already begun with the 'Catechism, or Instruction in the Doctrines of the New Church, for Children,' &c. I firmly believe that twenty of the fifty Chinese and Mahometan children of my school have well received the Word of God according to the doctrines of the New Church. In the months of July and October of the past year, I also wrote to the Missionary and Tract Society of the New Church at London, begging them to send me a small supply of the works of Swedenborg, and of his English and German successors; and, at the same time, made them the offer of my services. I do not know whether they will accept my offer; but, by the last mail from Holland, it was expressed to me that the China Society, and the minister O. G. Heldring, will soon give me my dismissal, if I do not soon return from the doctrines of Swedenborg. Perhaps my letters to the said society in England did not reach their places of destination; and, indeed, I doubt very much if they were correctly directed. Will you, honored sir, have the goodness to inquire into the matter? — I will now give you a short account of my life. I was born at Grüvenwiesbach, District of Uringen, in the Dukedom of Nassau. When I was seventeen years old, I allowed myself to be enrolled as a colonist into the Dutch military service. In my twenty-sixth year, I received my dismissal (in consequence of crushing my right arm), with an annual pension of ninety-one guilders. At the age of thirty-one, I received

some instruction enabling me to preach the gospel. Between the ages of thirty-four and thirty-nine, I was employed as an evangelist in several provinces of Holland, on behalf of the internal mission. In the year 1832 (the thirty-ninth of my life), Mr. O. G. Heldring, minister at Hemmen, in Holland, sent me to this place for the special purpose of preaching the gospel to the Heathens and Mahometans. The China Society there promised me a monthly assistance of sixty-six guilders, if I would employ part of my time in the conversion of the Chinese residents here. This proposal I acceded to. Unsought, however, some works of Swedenborg reached me; and it pleased the Lord to open the eyes of my soul to his truth, to learn and to understand it. From that time, I had the privilege of preaching the Lord, and the way of happiness, according to the light given me by the Lord. But there arose, in consequence, great hostility towards me on the part of the so-called Orthodox, so that the greater part of them abandoned me. But the merciful Lord gave, instead of them, a greater number of others, who are present every week at my Bible hours. Dear brethren, pray often for me, that the Lord may give me much love and wisdom, nay, all things, in order that I may preach him so that my dear brethren may come to the knowledge of truth, and to the love of the Lord and the neighbor." He concludes with the remark, that he is naturalized, and, as an established Dutchman there, has also liberty of religion: wherefore he can freely teach the doctrines of the New Church. He gave as his address, "T. P. Grimm, at Batavia, Isle of Java."

In reply to this letter, I answered immediately, that I will send him with great pleasure all the books, and more if requested, gratis; that, however, such as can and will pay for them could do so, and the money be appropriated by him to his missionary purposes. The box left here on the Wednesday after Easter. I shall soon communicate the matter to our English brethren, as I have already done to the French; and after the publication of the second volume of the German "True Christian Religion," in about three weeks, I intend to send him another box. I consider such distributions a part of the celebration of the Centenary of the New Church. As to my proposal to the church to provide the means of publishing all the now unpublished manuscripts of Swedenborg, and in the first place his "Dictionary of the Bible," and the marginal notes written by him in the copy of the Bible which he used, as a most important and fitting memorial of the Centenary, I received a letter from Boston, dated April 8, containing this inquiry: "Why has not volume five of the 'Animal Kingdom' been printed? Is it for want of means? If so, how much would you wish to have secured to you to proceed in the printing?" As to the inquiry about providing for the newly discovered volume, "Dictionary of the Word," I will answer as soon as I can: but, in the mean time, I can say that the fifth volume of the "Regnum Animale" has not yet been found; but, as to the other manuscripts not yet published, I cannot say how much would be necessary for their publication. As the copies ought to be a memorial of the Centenary, they should be printed on the *best* paper; and I should purchase for them new letters or printing-types, which could be easily purchased, if, according to the generous proposal of Mr. Hibbard, the subscription should be an annual one: by which I should also be enabled to spend more time in the publication, and to pay an assistant for copying the manuscripts, and for doing such things for the church as could be easily done by another, whereby the publication would be more and more accelerated. To such generous annual subscribers should be given an equivalent of my reprints, with a considerable discount, — for instance, of fifty per cent; and in this way they could also appropriate the necessary copies of the "Vera Christiana Religio," and its breviarium, the "Summary Exposition," to be sent, if it is thought best, according to the proposal of a New-Church minister, "to every distinguished professor . . . at the various universities and theological institutions, together with a suitable address, which might induce them to read and study it," in order that, by so doing, both proposals could support each other. I think, with Swedenborg's marginal notes should also be published the Latin translation of the Bible itself, made by Seb. Schmidt; at least, the books of the Word proper, which, as such, contain a spiritual sense.

As to the celebration of the Centenary in England, a member of the Centenary Committee at Manchester wrote me on April 4, "The meeting of the Conference takes place on Tuesday, the 11th of August. On the evening previous (Monday), an introductory social meeting is to be held, in order that the friends from a distance may have an opportunity to be introduced to the friends here and to each other, and so that, in the meetings subsequently to be held, there may be felt as much as possible of the freedom of acquaintanceship. There will be several public meetings. The first will be on Thursday, Aug. 13. There will also be several *social* meetings, informal, and yet with suitable addresses from some of the distinguished persons present. It is also intended to make several excursions to interesting places in the vicinity. It has been decided to extend the period of celebration to *two weeks*. It will be a great advantage if all would come as early as Monday, Aug. 10, so that they may be made acquainted with each other at the introductory meeting to be held on the evening of that day." If the Lord pleases, I shall depart in the last weeks; reside some days in Paris and London; and meet at Paris some ladies from Berne, who will join me there for Manchester, where I hope to find also many friends and brethren from America.

I remain, my very dear sir, with great esteem, yours very truly,

EMANUEL TAFEL.

TUBINGEN, April 21, 1857.

Translation of a Letter from Monsieur Le Boys des Guays to Professor Parsons.

Sir, and dear Brother, — You ask from me particular information in regard to the state of the New Church, as well in France as in the other countries with which I have communication by correspondence. I will endeavor, as far as possible, to comply with your request. I have certainly considered it a duty to write to you oftener, and to keep you advised of every thing which could interest our American friends. But an imperious duty constrained me to intermit, so to speak, my epistolary relations, in order that I might occupy myself exclusively with the task which I had undertaken, and which I ardently wished not to have interrupted, so that I might have the time to finish it. I could say to you but little, except about what I had done; and you are very well aware that it is never agreeable to be obliged, for the want of something else, to entertain others with relations concerning one's self. This last is a second reason why I have been silent for so long a time. Nevertheless, under present circumstances, I ought, since you request it, to do violence to my natural repugnance, and to advise our brethren in the United States of what has occurred in our country during the last summer.

About the last of August, we set out, my wife and I, to visit our friends in Switzerland. We found ourselves at Neufchâtel the 3d of September, at the very moment when the château was taken; and we were breakfasting the same day, in a village a league from the place, with some New-Church friends, when a column of royalist insurgents directed themselves upon Neufchâtel, traversed the village, committing depredations which obliged us to pass the night there. But, the château having been retaken on the succeeding day, we returned to Neufchâtel. From thence we went to see some brethren at Yverdun and at Berne. At Vevay we visited the minister, Monsieur Jaquier; whom I had before seen, while he resided at Paris.

During our stay at Neufchâtel, I had an opportunity to see the librarian, — a young gentleman distinguished for literary character, — and caused him to accept the gratuitous offer of a complete collection of the works of Swedenborg for the public library under his care. The kindness with which he accepted this offer suggested to me the idea of donating the works of Swedenborg at Geneva: therefore, as soon as we arrived in that city, we visited the public library; and the offer which I made to the librarian was accepted with many thanks. The same thing happened when we visited another very important library, which

belongs to a reading society composed of more than three hundred members: my offer of a collection of Swedenborg's works was accepted with testifications of lively gratitude.

This success obtained in Switzerland caused us to think that in France, perhaps, the time had come to place the works of Swedenborg at the disposition of the public; since, for a number of years, we had in vain endeavored to give these works to the libraries of the great cities, and it was only after many advances that we had succeeded in causing them to be accepted by a few libraries. It was now necessary to make new efforts. Moreover, the state of the New Church in France not permitting it to celebrate, by a public manifestation, its entry into the second century of the New Christian Era, it appeared to us appropriate to signalize the centennial anniversary by some means; and the donation [of the works of Swedenborg] to the public libraries might be the means which the Lord had reserved for us. Influenced by this thought, we addressed a circular to the principal libraries of France and of foreign countries; and the success which we obtained has exceeded all our expectations. We have received eighty-three letters of acceptance, filled with expressions of gratitude for the gift, and expressive of a high appreciation of the character of Swedenborg.

Here are the names of the cities which have gratuitously received the collection of our works; forming, each one, a package of fifty-two volumes. I transmit the list to you, so that those of our American brethren who may come to Europe may be able, if they desire it, to find in these cities, at their disposition, the works of Swedenborg: —

List of Cities which received Swedenborg's Works in their Public Libraries.

FRANCE.

1. Orleans.
2. Limoges.
3. Arras.
4. Bourdeaux.
5. Nancy.
6. Amiens.
7. La Rochelle.
8. Le Hâvre.
9. Rochefort.
10. Clermont-Ferrand.
11. Strasburg.
12. Nimes.
13. Maçon.
14. Angers.
15. Sau.
16. Lyons.
17. Lyons (Library of Palace of Arts).
18. Toulon.
19. Brest.
20. Nevers.
21. Moulins.
22. Montauban.
23. Auxonne.
24. Montargis.
25. Caen.
26. Nantes.
27. Bourg.
28. Poitiers.
29. Beauvais.
30. Abbeville.
31. Valenciennes.
32. Douai.
33. Reims.
34. Boulogne on the Sea.
35. Bar le Duc.
36. Chartres.
37. Lisieux.
38. Alençon.
39. Châlons on the River Saône.
40. Grenoble.
41. Châlons on the Main.
42. Troyes.
43. Angoulême.
44. Tarbes.
45. Bayonne.
46. Aix.
47. Versailles.
48. Evreux.
49. L'Orient.
50. Blois.
51. Le Mans.
52. Cahors.
53. Serigeux.
54. Agen.
55. Montpellier.
56. St. Quentin.
57. Dunkerque.
58. Arles.
59. Saint Omer.
60. Saumur.
61. Laval.
62. St. Etienne.
63. Carcassonne.
64. Bessiers.
65. Dola.
66. Lunéville.
67. Vienne.
68. Dijon.
69. Dijon (Reading Society).
70. Valence.
71. Sedan.
72. Vannes.
73. Narbonne.
74. Lille.

BELGIUM.

75. Bruxelles (Brussels).
76. Anvers.
77. Liège.
78. Gand.
79. Louvain.

SWITZERLAND.

80. Lausanne.

GERMANY.

81. Hamburg.

SARDINIA.

82. Nice.

HOLLAND.

83. Utrecht.

In case you should desire to know the names of those cities which did not reply, or refused our gratuitous offerings, here are their names: —

FRANCE.

1. Rouen.
2. Marseilles.
3. Metz.
4. Toulouse.
5. Avignon.
6. Colmar.
7. Tours.
8. Lons le Saulnier.
9. Auxerre.
10. Cherbourg.
11. Dieppe.
12. Soissons.
13. Perpignan.
14. Le Puy.
15. Niort.
16. Châteauroux.
17. Albi.
18. Epinal.
19. Cambray.
20. Cartres.
21. Grasse.
22. Verdun.
23. Foix.
24. Calais.

ALGIERS.

25. Alger.
26. Oran.
27. Constantine.

GERMANY.

28. Berlin.

SARDINIA.

29. Turin.

HOLLAND.

30. Amsterdam.
31. Leyden.

In a preceding letter, I indicated to you the gratuitous donations made to the principal libraries of Sweden and of Paris, and to some libraries of France. I will add, that, the last year, we have caused a complete collection to be accepted by the Library of the Polytechnic School.

Here, then, are a hundred complete collections (that is to say, more than five thousand volumes) placed at the disposition of the public, and under the care of librarians, — educated men, and persons always jealous of preserving preciously the works which are once placed in the establishments which they direct. In acting thus, we believe we have followed an impulse from the Lord; and we hope that these volumes will produce their fruit, when the Lord shall judge that the proper time is come. We had also, in this respect, a duty to perform. We have received, at various times, assistance from our brethren in France, as well as from those in England and the United States. This assistance has been furnished to us to enable us to publish the works of Swedenborg, without any other direction; but we have thought, that, after having given to these funds their destination, which was the printing of the theological works of our author, the best way to testify our thankfulness to these generous donors was to anticipate their wishes, in placing the writings of Swedenborg at the disposition of all those thinkers who frequent public libraries.

As to the actual condition of our publications, this is the position: We are now commencing the fourth volume of the "Apocalypse Explained." One-third of the second volume of the "Apocalypse Revealed" is printed, and one-fourth of the Index to the "Arcana Cœlestia." When these three works shall have left the press, I shall commence the publication of the numerous works of which I have spoken to you in my last letter. We shall proceed as fast as possible; and the only hinderance is, that our resources are very limited.

While the duties upon books coming from France were very high, they were an obstacle to the acquisition of French translations; but, since the new tariff has reduced these duties to eight per cent, we ought to hope that our brethren in the United States will avail themselves of this reduction of duties, and assist us in our future publications, by procuring copies of them.

The principal libraries of the New Church in the important cities — such as New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and Cincinnati — might take our books on deposit. We should require of them only that they should charge themselves with their transportation; and, as to remittances for the books, we should agree to whatever terms they might ask. Will you, dear brother, take upon yourself the trouble of making this proposition to them?

Accept, I pray you, the renewed assurance of sentiments of the Christian affection of your very devoted brother in our Lord,

LE BOYS DES GUAYS.

P.S. — My affectionate salutations to all our brethren of the New Church.

SAINT AMAND (CHER), May 9, 1857.

REPORTS OF ASSOCIATIONS.

Illinois Association. — Report of the Superintendent.

On sabbath, the ninth day of November last, I instituted the "Hoboken Society of the New Jerusalem," at Hoboken, New Jersey.

And on sabbath, the twenty-second day of March last, I instituted the "Henry Society of the New Jerusalem," at Henry, Illinois.

On sabbath, the thirty-first day of May, in the presence of the Illinois Association, and with their approbation, I officiated in the introduction of Mr. John Henry Ragatz, of Chicago, into the first grade of the ministry, by the ceremony of ordination.

J. R. Hibbard, *Superintendent.*

Cincinnati, June 10, 1857.

Report of the Secretary.

To the President and Members of the General Convention of the New Church in the United States.

The Illinois Association of the New Jerusalem reports to the Convention, that little change, as to the external state and condition of the church, has taken place in its borders during the past year. In this respect, this is the day of small things. But some little progress has been made: the peace and unanimity which have of the divine mercy been accorded to it since its formation continue unbroken; and the signs of the times are such as to encourage us to persevere in our labors to promote the descent of the Holy City.

On the 22d of March last, a society was instituted at Henry, in Marshall County, by our Superintendent, Rev. J. R. Hibbard. There are in that vicinity about twenty persons who are receivers of the doctrines of the New Church. Eight only joined the society. Some who live a short distance from the city were prevented by inclement weather and impassable roads from doing so; and some are not yet ready. The prospects of this infant society are promising and hopeful. Its members and friends are united, and desirous of working together in building up the church in themselves and in their community. They are not sufficiently endowed with the wealth of this world to enable them to support a minister: but they have engaged a room, and hold regular meetings for worship and reading on sabbath morning; have a sabbath school, which assembles in the afternoon; meet for social reading and conversation every Thursday evening; and have made arrangements to be visited occasionally by the pastors of the Chicago and Peoria Societies, for the purpose of administering the sacraments, and preaching.

Rev. Mr. Storry, of Peoria, has been engaged by the association to perform missionary labor, in different parts of the State, for about six weeks during the spring. Mr. Ragatz has also been employed for about three months, during the past year, as a missionary among the Germans, and as a colporter for the general distribution of New-Church books. When not so employed, he has preached to a small congregation of Germans in the city of Chicago. During the latter portion of the year, these meetings have been held in a room in a private dwelling-house; but the Chicago Society are at the present time erecting a small church-edifice for their use.

In compliance with the request of the Chicago Society, made to the annual meeting held in Peoria in May last, the association voted to authorize its ordaining minister to introduce Mr. John H. Hagatz, of Chicago, into the first grade

of the ministry; which was accordingly done, in the presence of the association, on Sunday, May 31, 1857.

At the last session of the Legislature of the State of Illinois, the passage of an Act was obtained for this association, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Illinois Association of the New Jerusalem." By vote of the association, at its late meeting, this Act was accepted and adopted, and the Constitution amended so that the name of the association might conform to the name mentioned in the Act of Incorporation. By this Act of Incorporation, a legal capacity is acquired to receive property by gift or devise, and to hold and use the same in a more convenient and satisfactory manner.

Among other uses likely to result from this, an opportunity is presented of securing to the church building-sites, whenever it may be thought likely that they will be needed or useful, at the present time or in the future. Towns and cities are springing up, as if by magic, along all the numerous lines of railroad intersecting our fruitful prairies; and building-lots on such places, at a comparatively trifling expense, can often be secured by isolated receivers; which would, it is believed, be frequently done, and donated to the church, if an organized society, entitled to hold such property, existed: but, for want of such an organization, such opportunities have not hitherto been embraced. Considerable use is anticipated to result from this. Already, two adjoining lots in the town of Effingham have been donated to the association; and it is hoped that others will follow, and that this will prove a means of drawing the attention of the citizens of such places to the existence of the New Church, and of producing the desire of learning her doctrines.

For fuller particulars of the operations of the association during the past year, the members of the Convention are referred to the report of the officers and committees accompanying the journal of the proceedings at the late meeting, a number of copies of which are herewith presented.

The association consists of four societies, and a hundred and seventeen isolated members. The following table shows the present state of each society, as far as reported to the association at its late meeting: —

Name of Society.	No. of members.	No. of vols. in church-library.	Sunday school: No. of scholars.	Average attendance.	No. of teachers.	No. of vols. in S. S. library.	Average attendance at public worship.
Canton	27						
Peoria	24	48	43		5	320	75
Chicago	86		40	30		200	130
Henry	8		20				

The ministers of our association are Rev. J. R. Hibbard, ordaining minister, and superintendent of the association, Chicago; Rev. Thomas Storry, pastor, Peoria; Rev. James Melrose, minister, Canton; Rev. John H. Ragatz, missionary, Chicago.

The association contributes a hundred dollars to the funds of the Convention.

Thomas Storry, *Secretary.*

Maine Association. — Report of the President.

To the General Convention of the New Church assembled at Cincinnati, June 10, 1857.

There are *four* societies connected with this association; viz., those of Portland, Bath, Gardiner, and Bangor. There are also four or five places in which there are circles of receivers, but not organized societies; *sixty-two* places in the State of Maine in which there are receivers who have a connection, more or less intimate, with our association; and *eighteen* places, in contiguous parts of New Hampshire and the British Provinces, where there are receivers who bear such relations to our body, either by correspondence, attendance at our meetings, or the visitations of our colporter, that the association reports them in the annual list published with its Journal of Proceedings; making, in all, *seventy* distinct local ties falling within the precincts and operations of this association.

There are two ministers belonging to the association, — Rev. Samuel F. Dike, ordaining minister, and pastor of the Bath Society; and Rev. William B. Hayden, pastor of the Portland Society. No licenses have been granted or applied for during the year.

Appended below are the statistics of the four societies, so far as we have been able to collect them: —

Name of Place.	Estimated number attending worship.	Number attending the Holy Supper.	Pupils in the Sunday school.	Members of the society.	Baptisms for the year.	Confirmations.	Admissions to the society.	Deaths.
Portland	250	35	66	67	11	2	4	
Bath	225		60	52	3	1	1	1
Gardiner	50			29	2			1
Bangor	55		42	19	7		5	

One death has occurred in the association within the year, to which it seems proper to allude. Zina Hyde, Esq., of Bath, who was taken to the spiritual world on 19th September, 1856, was known to receivers of the doctrines throughout our country, and to many in Europe. With his labors in behalf of the church, for thirty-five years past, most of the members of the Convention are probably familiar. The zeal and activity which he was wont to manifest in the general uses of the church, and in every thing which tended to its growth and edification, have greatly endeared him to the friends of our cause, and make his loss, on the natural plane, sensibly felt in our body.

The general condition of our societies is much the same as at our last communication: a degree of increase is discernible. Public worship has been steadily maintained by the four societies, conducted by a leader most of the time in those which are without pastors; and, in three of them, the administration of the Holy Supper is regularly observed.

The society at Gardiner has an arrangement with Mr. Dike, by which he visits them several times in a year, and administers the sacraments. Rev. Jabez Fox visited them last summer, and preached for them about three months; and they have had, besides, preaching a few times within the year, by the ministers connected with the association.

The Bangor Society, being without a pastor, has had but one administration of the Lord's Supper, and that in October last, by Rev. Mr. Fox. Mr. Fox remained with them and preached for them two sabbaths; and is now about to return thither, and spend the three summer months with them. Rev. W. M. Fernald, a licentiate of the Massachusetts Association, visited and preached for them three sabbaths in August last.

There are circles of receivers connected with the association, in Winslow, Augusta, Saccarappa, and Freeport. In some of them, a good deal of interest in the doctrines is manifested; and at two of them, Augusta and Saccarappa, there has been preaching several times by one of the ministers belonging to the association, which was numerously attended and well received.

It is an object which is gradually occupying our minds more and more, to take notice of and minister to the growing wants of the infant church within our borders. But the field is large, and we are feeble. The only combined and systematic effort we are making is that to sustain a colporter, and send him to every accessible part of the State. This enterprise has been prosecuted now for about two years, with a considerable degree of success. The particulars relating to the work are sufficiently known to the church, through the reports of the matter that have been published in the periodicals of the Convention. Our experience has strongly confirmed the opinion of the usefulness of this work, and of its increasing importance as an instrumentality for the growth of the church. We find the field within our own borders amply sufficient to occupy constantly two such agents; and we believe that the labor expended would yield a rich return of appropriate fruits.

The colporter we have employed has been principally a book agent, and has made it his first or chief object to sell the writings of the church to all who can be induced to purchase them. In connection with this, he has made it his business to visit all receivers of the doctrines who came in his way, converse with them, learn their wants, and draw them nearer the church. He has also constantly acted as the local agent for the periodicals of the church, and for the Treasurer of the Convention; getting subscriptions, and collecting and transmitting moneys for them, — in all cases, without commission or charge.

In conclusion, we may add, that, so far as human perception can determine, the cause of the New Jerusalem in Maine is steadily though slowly advancing. There is observable a greater degree of preparation in the public mind, an increasing disposition to inquire about the doctrines, a wider circulation of the books, a fuller attendance on New-Church preaching and worship, an increase of members, and a livelier interest awakened in the minds of professed believers.

We trust that your deliberations will be conducted in charity and with wisdom, and so your meeting together prove both delightful and useful.

W. B. Hayden,
President of the Maine Association.

Massachusetts Association. — Report of the Presiding Minister.

During the past year, in concurrence with the authorities of the Massachusetts Association, I have performed the following acts: I have renewed the licenses of Mr. T. O. Paine, Mr. John Worcester, and Mr. W. M. Fernald; I have granted a license to Mr. E. A. Beaman; I have ordained Mr. Woodbury M. Fernald; and I have instituted two societies, — one in Brookline, Mass.; and one in Contoocook, N. H.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Worcester, *Presiding Minister.*

Report of the Secretary.

The Massachusetts Association consists of *twelve* societies; and a thirteenth has been instituted at Brookline, since the last meeting of the association, and has presented to its officers a request to be admitted a member. The following table gives the names of these societies, with those of their pastors, ministers, or leaders; their number of members; the usual attendance at the administration of the Holy Supper; the average attendance at public worship; and the number of pupils in their sabbath schools: —

Names of the Societies.	Names of ministers or leaders.	No. of members.	No. at Holy Supper.	No. at public worship.	No. of pupils in sabbath school.
Boston	Thomas Worcester .	455	320	700	113
Bridgewater	Thomas P. Rodman .	74	50	200	41
Abington	Joseph Pettee	56	40	300	59
North Bridgewater	Warren Goddard . .	62	45	400	70
East Bridgewater	Timothy O. Paine . .	43	45	150	30
Yarmouthport	John P. Perry	16	14	70	17
Lowell	B. S. Hale	7			
Foxborough and Mansfield	Warren Bird	15	17	25	
Pawtucket	James Lord	27			
West Bridgewater	Nahum Leonard . .	13			
Fall River	John Westall	9	10	30	10
Springfield	Dr. G. W. Swazey .	15	13		10
Brookline	T. B. Hayward . . .	20	24	120	21

The ministers of the Massachusetts Association are Rev. Thomas Worcester, ordaining minister, and presiding minister of the association; Rev. Joseph Pettee, Rev. Warren Goddard, and Rev. Thomas P. Rodman, pastors; Rev. Eleazar Smith, Rev. John P. Perry, Rev. Woodbury M. Fernald, and Rev. T. B. Hayward, missionaries with powers of a pastor; Mr. Timothy O. Paine, Mr. John Worcester, and Mr. Edmund A. Beaman, licentiates.

Nearly all these ministers have been constantly employed the past year. Rev. Mr. Worcester, pastor of the Boston Society, is able to preach but half of the time; and his place has been supplied during the other half chiefly by Rev. Messrs. Goddard and Fernald. Rev. Messrs. Goddard, Pettee, Rodman, Perry, and Hayward, and Mr. Paine, have ministered regularly to the societies against which their names are set in the above table; and, when absent, the services have generally been read by a layman.

Rev. Mr. Fernald, who was licensed in August, 1855, was ordained at the last meeting of the association (April 16, 1857). Mr. E. A. Beaman was licensed Oct. 5, 1856.

In Boston, a good deal of attention has been paid to congregational singing, for two years past; and one of the selections is always sung at their worship, by the congregation. During the same period, chanting has been systematically taught to the children of the sabbath school, with most excellent results.

At Charlestown, Newtonville, Waltham, Salem, Reading, Lancaster, Plymouth, and other places heretofore reported, worship is regularly conducted on the sabbath, mostly by laymen. Mr. Hayward, of Brookline, at present preaches in Charlestown every sabbath afternoon.

This association employs a colporter, — Mr. C. A. Dunham, — who makes it his only business to traverse all parts of the State on that duty. His labors are found to be highly useful, as is manifested from his frequent reports and letters in our New-Church periodicals.

The North-Bridgewater Society has, during the past year, built and dedicated a very beautiful church, capable of holding about six hundred persons. In the focus of the eastern end is a very chaste and beautiful structure, as a depository for the Word, with the pulpit a little to the left in front; and the house is furnished with a fine organ.

T. B. Hayward, *Secretary*.

Michigan and Northern-Indiana Association. — Report of the Corresponding Secretary.

Since the last meeting of the Convention, but little has occurred that would be interesting to report in relation to our association. Many of the acting and influential members have, in obedience to the ever-varying aspects of Western life, removed to other, and in some instances distant, localities; and, owing in some measure to these changes, there has been somewhat less of active effort in performing the uses we desire, and also owing to the fact that we have been unable to obtain the services of such persons as were needed to assist in their execution.

There are many places within our associate limits, where families reside, who are either receivers, or are interested in the doctrines of the New Jerusalem, and who earnestly desire to have those doctrines taught and to have a minister, under whose leading they might meet together for worship, if not weekly, at least *statedly*, and as often as practicable. We are well satisfied that the chief excellence of missionary labor is as a preparatory stage, and not for a continuance of irregular and uncertain periods; and that it is better to sustain stated preaching, though it should be only once a month, or even once in six weeks, at a few places, than to attempt occasional, wide, and discursive ranges, without any expectation of sustaining or repeating the efforts. And we would earnestly recommend to the Convention the propriety of endeavoring to provide a fund, sufficiently ample and generous not only to afford aid and assistance to such young men as may desire, under the auspices of the Convention, to attend the University at Urbana, or elsewhere, to fit them for the performance of ministerial and missionary duties, but also afterwards to contribute towards the payment of their expenses whilst acting as a licentiate or missionary at such places as they may be called to, with the approbation of the Committee of the Convention, for such a period as the Committee may think proper.

At the last session of the association, held at Detroit, owing to the want of proper arrangements, occasioned in part by the circumstances already alluded to, but little was done beyond the altering or amending the Constitution somewhat more in accordance with its character as an associated body, a report of which appeared in the "New-Jerusalem Messenger." But little missionary labor has been performed since. Our presiding minister — Rev. George Field — has visited Springfield, Oakland County, Mich., and delivered a series of lectures, which were favorably received; and also Little Prairie Ronde, where he attended a funeral, and delivered a lecture on the resurrection. We have been unsuccessful, as yet, in obtaining the services of a stated missionary or exporter; but hope, ere long, to succeed. The society in Detroit, for want of ability to meet the obligations incurred in the purchase of the church they bought two years since, as well as for other reasons, have disposed of it, and are now endeavoring to raise the means to build one for themselves, — one better adapted to their wants; and are now straining every nerve to provide the means during the present year, that it may be a *memorial church*, erected in commemoration of the first Centenary of the New Dispensation. This, together with other unforeseen and unprovided-for contingencies, will make it impracticable for the association, at the present time, to contribute any thing towards the funds of the Convention; but we hope that, another year, our circumstances may be more auspicious for aiding in those wider and more general uses, which, in our limited organization, we are unable to accomplish.

All of which is respectfully submitted in accordance with the provisions of our Constitution, ELIJAH H. DRAKE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Pennsylvania Association. — Report of the President.

Rev. THOMAS WORCESTER, President of the General Convention.

Dear Brother, — Being too unwell to attend the present meeting of Convention, I beg leave to present the following report of my official acts performed

during the past conventional year. The license of Mr. Samuel M. Warren, of England, has been renewed. I have officiated at the baptism of thirteen persons, at the marriage of one couple, and at six funerals.

There is evidently a growing activity in the societies of the Pennsylvania Association; and the disposition manifested to fill up the measure of the uses of their organization seems to be limited only by the small amount of pecuniary means, that, in present circumstances, can be furnished. And we are also in frequent receipt of evidence that there is an increasing and extending desire around us for a knowledge of the doctrines of the church.

For other information, see reports of the various departments of the association.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES SEDDON, *President.*

FRANKFORD, June 6, 1857.

[No report of the general condition and operations of the Pennsylvania Association was rendered; but the following reports were presented by the delegates of two of the three societies of which it consists. The same delegates also returned, by request of the Convention, a list of the ministers belonging to said association, agreeably to a standing resolution of the Convention, which list is annexed. — *Sec. General Convention.*]

Report of the Philadelphia Second Society.

Since the last report, but few changes have taken place in our external circumstances. Our meetings for worship have been held regularly every sabbath morning, and are attended by the usual number. Mr. William Roberts still continues the reader for the society.

Rev. James Seddon has preached, and administered the Lord's Supper, twice, and baptized an infant; and Rev. J. R. Hibbard preached once, and, in the afternoon of the same day, delivered an address. With the exception of the above, we have had no ministerial services since last Convention. This is a subject of regret to the society, as our temple is a neat, convenient edifice, situated in a populous neighborhood, and the only New-Church place of worship in the southern section of the city.

We believe that the time has arrived, when the services of a good, faithful, and efficient minister would be successful; that the society would be rebuilt, and again become a medium to proclaim "good tidings of great joy" to many who now "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

We regret our weakness and inability to invite a minister, and contribute fully to his support; and we therefore appeal to our brethren of the Convention to "come and help us." We desire missionary aid for a limited period, believing that a permanent fund will soon be formed and established for ministerial support. The society sends five dollars for the general uses of Convention.

CHARLES S. CLOSE, *Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, June, 1857.

Report of the Upper-Darby Society.

To the General Convention of the New-Jerusalem Church.

Beloved Brethren, — The state and circumstances of our society have remained much the same as noticed in our last report. The sabbath school, and the society on Darby Creek, are still kept up, and, we think, in a flourishing condition. Our number has been augmented by four, and diminished through death by two; leaving our present number forty-four. Our minister, Rev. Thomas Wilks, has baptized twenty-six children and two adults within the year. We send ten dollars for the use of the Convention.

THOS. KENT, } *Committee*
STACY JONES, } *on Report.*

List of Ministers connected with the Pennsylvania Association, June, 1857.

Rev. James Seddon, Rev. Thomas Wilks, Rev. Isaac C. Worrell, Rev. Samuel H. Worcester, and Rev. Arthur O. Brickman.

(Signed) DAVID SNYDER, CHARLES S. CLOSE, } *Delegates.*

General Society in Ohio. — Report of the Ordaining Minister.

Rev. THOMAS WORCESTER, D.D., President of the General Convention.

Dear Sir, — In accordance with the direction of the General Society of the New Church in Ohio, I granted license to Mr. Willard G. Day, of Urbana, to preach the gospel and officiate in public worship for one year from the twenty-fifth day of June, 1856. Application has since been made by the society at Rockport for his ordination; which application will be laid before the General Society at its next meeting. Respectfully submitted,

J. P. STUART, *Ordaining Minister.*

CINCINNATI, June 10, 1857.

REPORTS OF ISOLATED SOCIETIES.

Report of the Urbana Society.

To the General Convention of the New Church in the United States.

Our society now numbers *sixty-three* members. *Eight* have joined during the past year; and one, our beloved brother John Murdoch, has been removed to the spiritual world.

The worship of the society is conducted by our pastor, Rev. J. P. Stuart; or, in his absence, by a reader. The Holy Supper is administered quarterly.

The general arrangement and organization of the sabbath school is the same as it was last year. There are about one hundred pupils.

The attendance upon our worship is good; our hall being sometimes full to overflowing. Quite an interest has been created in our place for the doctrines of the New Church, by a series of lectures delivered by our pastor on the sabbath evenings of last winter. Many, who probably came to these lectures at first from mere curiosity, are now regular attendants; and some are reading our books. Measures have been taken for the establishment of a library of New-Church works for the use of any who may wish to study our doctrines.

CHAS. W. H. CATHCART, *Secretary.*

Report of the Third Society of Philadelphia.

Our number of members has been increased by one since the last report; numbering now *eighteen*. The public worship of the society continues to be regular and constant. A portion of the time, the services have been conducted by Rev. N. C. Burnham and Rev. D. K. Whitaker, and a portion by laymen. The number in attendance has been about the same as mentioned in our last report. The

sacrament of the Holy Supper has been administered regularly every quarter, except the last. The sabbath school continues prosperous; and quite an addition has been made to its library. The society have extended a formal invitation to Mr. E. A. Beaman, of Boston, to become their minister; which invitation he has accepted; and he is expected to commence his ministrations about the 1st of September.

H. N. Guernsey, *Secretary.*

REPORTS OF MINISTERS.

Rev. H. N. Strong's Report.

I have again but little to report; less, indeed, than usual. I preached twice in Benton, Berrien County, Mich., last summer; and once, in November, in Millbury Village. The attendance and attention were encouraging; and so has it generally been in that region. A few earnest and affectionate receivers are there, but not the means to sustain a minister. I also preached in Berrien Village, with the same encouragement as the preceding year; but on my second appointment, though in the village, I was on a sick-bed instead of in the pulpit. I preached and lectured in several other places in Michigan and Northern Indiana, but with less encouragement than the above. I preached once in Michigan City, under unfavorable circumstances; but we have had quite agreeable times at the house of a kind brother, where I have sometimes given an extemporaneous discourse, and sometimes read a written one. I have also preached and lectured in Lowell, Ind., meeting both opposition and encouragement. I have preached in Illinois in no place except Yellow Head within the past year, except incidentally once in Chicago. In this place I am no longer alone. There is an interest manifested by some; and some are earnest readers, and unhesitatingly declare their reception of the doctrines. But I have been unable to preach here for a few months. I have felt an earnest desire to be actively engaged; but means have been lacking. My health is now feeble.

In truth and love,

H. N. Strong.

Yellow-head Grove, Ill., June 8, 1857.

Reports of Rev. Jabez Fox.

Rev. T. B. Hayward, Secretary of General Convention.

Being unable to attend the approaching meeting of the General Convention in Cincinnati, I send, agreeably to a standing recommendation, a report.

Soon after the adjournment of the last meeting of the Convention, I accepted an invitation to preach a few weeks in Gardiner, Me.; and my stay there was prolonged for three months and more. During that time, I attended the meeting of the Maine Association, at Bath, and preached Saturday, Aug. 9; and again to the Bath Society, Sunday, Aug. 17. At Gardiner, on the 20th of July, officiated at the sacrament of the Holy Supper; and again the first Sunday in October, at which time two adults were baptized. Left Gardiner on the 13th of October for Bangor; visiting the New-Church people at Augusta, Windsor, and Benton, by the way, and arriving at Bangor Thursday night. Sunday, 19th October, preached twice to good audiences at Norembega Hall; and again on the 26th, morning and evening, to yet larger congregations. In the afternoon of the same day, officiated at the baptism of seven persons, and at the reception of the Holy Supper, and at the reception of five persons into the Bangor Society of the New Church. Left Bangor Oct. 30 for Contoocookville, N. H., stopping at Rockland and Portland by the way. In Contoocookville, preached for Brother Silver on the 2d and the 9th

of November, twice each day, to large and attentive congregations. Arrived in Taunton Nov. 13, after an absence of eighteen weeks. Sunday, Nov. 23, preached twice in the New-Church temple at Pawtucket; and again in the same place, Dec. 7, three times. Sunday morning, Dec. 14, preached in the temple in Providence. Sunday, Dec. 21, preached in Pawtucket morning and afternoon; officiated at one baptism; proposed eight candidates for membership in the Pawtucket Society, and lectured in the evening; and again, on Monday evening, to large audiences. For the remainder of the year, please see my report to the Committee on Missions.

Affectionately your brother,

JABEZ FOX.

TAUNTON, MASS., June 1, 1857.

REV. A. SILVER, Chairman of Missionary Committee.

Dear Brother, — Your letter authorizing me to perform missionary labor in the employ of the General Convention, dated Dec. 15, 1856, was received near the close of that month; and, on the Sunday following (Jan. 4), I preached, morning and evening, at Pawtucket; officiating in the afternoon at the reception of the Holy Supper, and in the receiving into the Pawtucket Society of seven persons. Sunday, Jan. 11, preached morning and evening at Providence, and administered the Lord's Supper in the afternoon. Jan. 18, preached at Pawtucket morning and evening; and, on the 19th, attempted to start for Washington. But the snow had completely obstructed all travel; and it was not until Tuesday, Jan. 27, that I reached New York. There I remained one week, preaching on Sunday morning to the circle meeting at Mr. Burnham's, in Brooklyn; and, in the afternoon, in the little temple of the Hoboken Society. Left for Washington, Tuesday, Feb. 3, pursuant to the recommendation of the Committee, to spend three months in that city; and arrived there the following morning. Agreeably to previous arrangement, I went directly to Dr. N. C. Towle's. And here I must express my thanks for the kindness constantly shown me by Dr. and Mrs. Towle, during my very pleasant stay of eleven weeks in their house. Sunday morning, Jan. 8, preached in the temple on Capitol Hill to an audience of not more than twenty or twenty-five (the day not being pleasant); and continued to preach there for three months, the audience gradually increasing to sixty or more. On the 22d of March, a course of Sunday-evening doctrinal lectures was commenced in the Congregational Church, which is more centrally situated than the New-Church place of worship. But this was soon interrupted; the Congregational Society wishing to use their house at the hour of our lectures. The lectures were resumed in the temple in the afternoons, and continued during my stay in the city. On the first Sunday in April, officiated at the sacrament of the Holy Supper, and in the baptism of Dr. R. B. Donaldson, and, on the 26th of April, in the baptism of Mr. David Beach. That the labors of your missionary here resulted in his engagement as the minister of the Washington Society, you have already been fully informed; and I need not recapitulate the particulars now. But I must be permitted to allude to the many obligations I am under to members of that society for innumerable good offices during my stay in the Federal City. I have never anywhere found a more affectionate and genial "band of brothers" and sisters in the New Church; and the liberality of their co-operation with the General Convention, in sustaining its missionary efforts, is worthy of all praise. Tuesday, May 5, came to Baltimore, and remained one week, visiting New-Church people, and preaching on Sunday for the Third Society. Arrived in New York May 13 (having stopped a day in Philadelphia to call on some New-Church folks), and remained till the following Monday in attendance on the several meetings of the Centennial celebration; in connection with which, on Sunday, at the request of the New-York Society, I officiated at the reception of the sacrament of the Holy Supper; and, on the same day (May 17), preached in the afternoon to a small audience in Hoboken. On Tuesday, May 19, arrived

in Taunton, after an absence from my family of nearly four months. The Sunday following, May 24, lectured in the afternoon in Templar Hall, Taunton, on the doctrine of the Trinity; and again in the evening, on the resurrection. Sunday, May 31, preached morning and evening at Pawtucket; and, on Monday, administered the sacrament of Baptism to John Fayrham Street (infant). Here my engagement as a missionary of the Convention closes; and I commence, next Sunday, the fulfilment of a previous engagement in Bangor, Me. With many thanks for your efficient aid, my dear brother, as the Chairman of the Missionary Committee, and many regrets that I have been able to do no more for the church, I remain

Affectionately your brother,

JABEZ FOX.

TAUNTON, MASS., June 1, 1857.

Report of Rev. J. P. Perry.

To the General Convention of the New Church to be held in Cincinnati, June 10, 1857.

Dear Brethren, — I am glad to have the meeting of the Convention this year in Cincinnati, although the distance will prevent me from attending; and I esteem it a privilege to be called on to send in a report, when the greater privilege of personal attendance cannot be enjoyed.

But there is one thing about this matter of sending in written reports which I do not understand; and I beg leave to suggest the inquiry, whether it is arranged as well as it might be. I do not understand why the *absent* ministers are the *only* ones who are requested to furnish these reports. I know it is pleasant for those attending the meeting to receive intelligence from the absent; but it is pleasant for the absent also to receive intelligence, through the printed journal, not only from other absentees like themselves, but from those whose privilege it was to attend. And especially if the reports are intended for *use*, as I suppose they are, and to furnish the basis of a brief, permanent history of the ministerial services from year to year throughout the church, then surely, as it seems to me, the reports of the ministers in attendance are wanted not less than those of the absent.

I do not know, moreover, why those ministers who are connected with associations should report directly to the Convention at all, or why any minister should report singly and alone. Ought not the Convention, or its Committee of Ministers, to have some officer, or board of officers, whose duty should be to receive reports from ministers, and to embody from all the reports one full and well-digested general report and record of the preceding year? Ought not the names of all persons baptized or confirmed, for example, by any minister, to be reported by him *somewhere*, to be preserved in some record that shall be accessible to all in some known and determinate way? Ought not this record to be with the Convention in cases not otherwise provided for, and to be found there, or else to be traceable from the Convention's record to those of associations and societies in all cases? It might not be necessary to print all these lists, and certainly not to read them all in Convention; but ought they not to exist? and ought they not to be provided for systematically, and to be preserved, and rendered of use, by systematic arrangement, care, and attention?

There is much also, in the services rendered by the ministers, and in the events in the church of which they are cognizant in their several localities, that is interesting and useful to be read in Convention, and to go forth in the Journal, which might be obtained and put in form for these purposes, it may be, if only we should apply for it, and provide a good way of receiving and arranging it.

The Convention seems to be, from the nature of its relations to all the parts of the church, at once, and in one assembly, a General Society, a General Association, and a General Convention; that is, it is called on to provide as well as it can for isolated receivers, just as if it were a Society of such receivers only; for isolated societies, just as if it were an Association of such societies only; and for associations, as a Convention of Associations. As a General Society, we seem to need the records, and all the other needful provisions, of a *society;* extending

to the most local particulars, and extending especially to the care of individual persons, and thus to the proper registering of their names, that they may be remembered, and attended to. And, as far at least as the ministers are concerned, it would seem as if an order properly set in motion in the Convention, for obtaining information, and for preserving facts of importance, would be carried out, in substance, in all the associations and societies of the church.

I trust I shall at least be excused for occupying the time of the Convention with these remarks, as I cannot bring them forward in any better way, as the case now stands. I should like it better, however, if my communication were to be sent, some weeks before the meeting of the Convention, by some established rule, to some suitable committee or presiding officer, who would transfer the report to its proper place among other reports (lopping off its superfluities, and calling on me to fill up its deficient parts, if such amendments, or either of them, should be needed), and turning over to other hands any remarks not pertaining to the report, so as to put them in the way of being properly disposed of as a memorial. My object in what I have thus far said seems to me, taken in all its bearings, to be one of some real value and importance; and it seems to me that some action might be taken on the subject with advantage to the church, provided the whole time of the meeting is not occupied with matters of more immediate urgency.

As to the *report* at present requested of absent minsters, this relates, I think, only to the time and to the place or places of employment during the preceding year. The sabbath next following the last meeting of the Convention, I preached and administered the ordinance of the Holy Supper in Springfield, Mass. The society in that place is new; but there have been a few New-Church people there and in that vicinity for quite a number of years. They enjoy the services of a minister, as yet, only seldom and occasionally: but they seem to value such as they can obtain, very highly; or, at least, so I could not but infer from the reception they gave me, and the distance around Springfield from which they came together on the sabbath. I hope these brethren may be enabled soon to confirm and establish yet more the infant church among them, by securing a regular and stated preaching, and administration of the ordinances. If they can do this by some arrangement for the purpose that will be really good and acceptable, the advantage of it, in the end, could hardly fail of being great; for it can hardly fail of being the case, that the public mind will be favorably affected with regard to the New Church in almost any location where the means relied on to secure this result are sure and steady, and where they are such as will direct and lead the inquiring to the unfailing sources of New-Church truth and life.

The next sabbath, I preached at Newtonville, where there is a branch of the Boston Society.

Twice in the year (as the arrangement stands for the present), I preach and administer the ordinances at Lowell. The society there is not quite extinct in regard to numbers, and I trust not nearly so as to the life and the interest in the church of those still remaining in the place.

Once I have preached at Lawrence, where a few New-Church people are at present residing.

The remainder of the time, I have been engaged in the regular and constant duties of a minister to the society in Yarmouthport. These duties are not such as furnish much that is new or interesting to be reported, beyond the facts of our situation, as already known from the reports of many years past. The first receiver in this place was the late Mr. Caleb Reed, who resided here when he first read the New-Church books; and a few New-Church people have resided here ever since that time. The present state of the society will be reported through the Massachusetts Association. It may be proper to remark, that, with us, the day of direct hostility from the Old Church is past; that the New Church is, in general, respected by all; but that our prospect of increase in numbers must depend mainly on the training of the young; the church-relations of adults being, in most cases, already determined.

Praying that the Lord may be with you, I remain your brother,

J. P. Perry.

Rev. William B. Hayden's Report.

To the General Convention assembled at Cincinnati, June, 1857.

This communication is made to your body in obedience to a standing recommendation of the Convention to its ministers to report annually, when not present at its sessions.

I have been employed nearly every Sunday the past year; and, in addition to my labors in connection with the Portland Society, have preached once at Saccarappa, once at Augusta, once at Bath, and twice at Gardiner, Me.; once each at Boston, Brookline, and Salem, Mass.; and have twice visited a circle of receivers who maintain public worship in the city of Brooklyn, N.Y. On my first visit (June 29, 1856), I baptized two adults and three children; and, on May 24, 1857, preached for them, and administered the sacrament of the Holy Supper to twenty-three persons.

This circle has not been instituted into a society. It consists of about forty receivers, and meets in a small but convenient hall, where the services are usually conducted by Dr. R. C. Moffatt, their reader. A Sunday-evening meeting, for reading, and conversation on the doctrines, is also maintained by them, which is said to be attended with much interest and satisfaction.

Yours with much respect,

W. B. Hayden.

Portland, June 10, 1857.

Report of Rev. A. O. Brickman.

Since the last meeting of Convention, I have baptized a hundred and three adults and children, administered the Lord's Supper seven times, married seventeen couples, and attended sixteen funerals. I have preached regularly on Sunday afternoon, and, during the fall and winter seasons, on Wednesday evening, for the German Society in Baltimore. By request, I have also preached three times before the First, and once for the Second Society; six times, by invitation, for the Universalist Church; and twice for the German Evangelical Church, under the pastoral care of Rev. A. Schwarz, in the city of Baltimore. During the last summer and fall, I visited, on a missionary tour, Canada West, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Ohio; and instituted one German New-Church Society in Sunfish, Monroe County, Ohio. I have kept up a very interesting correspondence with several ministers of the Lutheran and Methodist churches, three of whom are now full receivers of the heavenly doctrines, but are still in external connection with those churches.

The German Society in Baltimore are now erecting a temple; for which purpose, I have visited the receivers of the heavenly doctrines in Philadelphia, New York, Brooklyn, Boston, Portland, Bath, and Bridgewater, with the intention of soliciting aid in behalf of this cause. I have been everywhere received with great kindness, especially in New York, and have found the brethren very much interested in the German mission. I have succeeded in raising among the brethren in Baltimore, and among the brethren in the above-named places, as much as to encourage us to go ahead with our work. About six hundred dollars are still needed in order to complete the building; and I hope to find many a heart willing to help us, in order that this good work may be completed.

The "Monatschrift" is doing good, and has been the means of bringing several to the Lord's church.

I feel thankful to the Lord for many blessings; and, when co-operating with his divine providence, I feel also confident that he will provide for all our wants.

I remain, dear brethren, respectfully yours,

Arthur O. Brickman.

Letter from Mr. S. Child, of Delafield, Wisconsin.

Rev. T. B. Hayward, Secretary of the General Convention of the New Church.

Dear Sir, — It would be very gratifying to me to be with the Convention at its present session; but, as this is not practicable, I will give you a few lines of information, which may not be wholly uninteresting to that body.

There is no interest at all manifested in the doctrines of the New Church in this vicinity. We have lent books and tracts to all who expressed any desire to read them, and have conversed with persons whenever a well-timed opportunity has offered; but all, apparently, to no purpose: they seem to prefer to plod along in the old beaten track.

The society in Milwaukie now consists of about *nine* or *ten* members, who hold a meeting every sabbath morning at the dwelling-house of one or another of the receivers of the doctrines, where they have such services as are usual in small societies of receivers where they have no minister. I think, that, if a good, popular New Church minister could be located there, a goodly number would soon be added to the present little group of receivers.

With best wishes for the harmony and the united endeavors of the Convention to do all the good they can, I remain

Yours very truly,

Simeon Child.

Delafield, June 3, 1857.

Document from the Trustees of Judge Foster's Gift for the Establishment of an Institution of Learning near Cincinnati.

S. S. Carpenter, Esq.

Dear Sir, — As you are aware, our old and esteemed brother, Judge Luke Foster, of Springfield Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, — "in consideration of the uses to be performed by the establishment of a school, academy, or college, to be conducted under the direction of members of the Lord's New Church, as revealed and established by Emanuel Swedenborg," — conveyed by deed of trust, dated "the sixth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty," unto the undersigned, a tract of land situate in Springfield Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, and lying on the Cincinnati, Hamilton, and Dayton Railway, about nine miles north of Cincinnati, and near Glendale; containing, according to actual survey, nearly twenty and three-quarters acres of land.

This land is conveyed to the undersigned "in trust to lease and demise, for such term or terms of years, all or any portion of said premises, to such person or persons, and upon such terms and conditions, as the said trustees, or a majority of them, may determine," and to invest the proceeds thereof, after paying necessary expenses, "for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a New-Church school, academy, or college, for the education of children and youth, upon said premises;" with the proviso, however, that a sufficient sum of money shall be obtained by said trustees, within the period of twelve years from the date of the deed, for the erection of a suitable building or buildings on the premises, "for such school, academy, or college."

During the year 1853, the trustees obtained, by voluntary subscription from members of the church in Cincinnati and vicinity, a sum sufficient to justify them in proceeding to erect a building on the premises for the purpose of a school; and, in the following year, a substantial brick house, well adapted to school-purposes, was completed, which, with five and three-quarters acres of the land, was leased for a term of years to Miss E. I. Trott for educational purposes. The cost of this building and appurtenances is over four thousand dollars; the rent of which, with the land, is three hundred and seventy-five dollars per annum. There still remain some fifteen acres of land, for which we obtain a small rent; it being used only as farming-land.

We believe the location of this property, and the building-site, admirably adapted for an academy or college, situate as it is in a populous and rapidly

improving neighborhood, and of easy access to the city, both by railway and turnpike-road.

The trustees are without the means of any further extension of these privileges at the present time; and their object in making this communication now is, that it may be made known throughout the church, by means of the General Convention now in session, that there is this trust; so that, if there be any person or persons in the church who have means and the desire to engage in the use here proposed, the trustees would be pleased to hear from them.

J. L. Wayne,
A. W. Gilbert,
E. Hinman,
} *Trustees.*

Cincinnati, June 13, 1857.

Address from the General Convention of the New Church in the United States of America to the General Conference of the New Church in England.

Dear Brethren, — At the meeting of our General Convention last year, it was made my duty to respond to your communication of the year before; but, as it was found that we could not reach you by letter in time for your meeting in 1855, it was thought best to defer the answer until the present time.

We are glad to receive those utterances of your continued regard for us; and we desire to reciprocate the good-will, and the good offices likewise, if there is any thing that we can do. We hope, that, as the church advances in both countries, we shall be brought still nearer to each other.

We live in times of great interest to the men of the New Church; for more fully than ever before is the Lord fulfilling his words, — "*Behold, I make all things new.*" The changes, material and spiritual, which we witness in this New World, exceed all belief. The spread of our vast population over new territories, and the rapid improvements that follow; the building of towns, cities, and villages; the material comforts and elegances of life that adorn the mansion, the villa, and the cottage of the family, even in the course of a single year,— betoken an activity and power of mind and of life which this world has never known before.

But these things alone might not indicate the dawn of the New Church, and the progress which it is making in our land, were it not for other things which appear.

And, of these, the most remarkable, as perhaps including so many particulars under it, is the manifest loss of spiritual power in the Old Church; while, at the same time, there is the manifest rise and increase of power in the New.

When taken in connection with the vast material movements of the day, the loss of spiritual power in the prevailing churches is a matter of wonder. We have often observed in this country, that the dread of the more terrible forms of Orthodoxy is measurably at an end. The tone of the preacher is more mild than formerly; his countenance is less forbidding; his *doctrines*, which were once the *sine qua non* among his flock, have become more a matter of *opinion*; others may differ in opinion, and do as well; all have a certain *share* of the truth; and so on.

Then, also, there is an observable loss of unity and conformity. Near the beginning of the present century, the sects of the Old Church were comparatively few; and upon the minds of most men there was a certain dictum, *that they must belong to some church.* But, at present, the boundaries of the sects is almost unknown: their doctrines have been fused and changed. Other changes are going on. Committees are often appointed to arrange matters, to propose modifications in religious formularies; so that it would now require a directory to enable us to find the points of doctrine which are held, and it would require a daily paper to define the changes that are going on.

Then, also, it is to be observed that our population is making strides away from the sects of the Old Church. This comes to pass in several ways. First, there is a rate of increase in our population which amounts to one hundred per cent in twenty years, while the entire increase in the membership of the churches

during the same period is not quite forty per cent; thus leaving a border around the church, of persons in a Gentile state, which increases at the rate of more than sixty per cent in twenty years. And, second, it is becoming quite as reputable to be out of these churches as in them. Formerly, the orderly citizen was either in the communion of the church, or he could show some good and sufficient reason for not being thus connected; but, at present, things are not so. No apology is needed by the good Gentile; and if, on occasion, he is entreated to join the church, his reply is at hand, and he will say, with great composure, and earnestness of spirit, —

"I am as well out of these churches as in them. There is much evil in the church: there is much good out of it. And, then, the divisions are so great and momentous, as they say, that I know not where to look. Nor am I content to believe that they have got hold of the truth. This rationality which God has given me I must use. These dogmas of religion seem contorted, and out of proportion. Some of them appear false. What, then, can I do? May I not as well wait, and stay where I am, until God shall give me more light?"

It is gratifying to be able to say that great numbers of this class of men are now looking hopefully to the New Church for that relief which they have long sought elsewhere in vain; and much of the progress the heavenly doctrines are making is to be attributed to these favorable surroundings, and to the simple fact, that all things are ready, that the way is prepared, that the day of the Lord has come.

The work before the New Church in the United States is a great work. The Lord has called us with a high and holy calling; and he requires at our hand, it seems to us, to embody, represent, and institutionize the New Church. Our work is to build up, purify, and ennoble the church in ourselves; to give it room; to give it utterance; to give it form and order. Those that are "escaped of the nations," and that come to us, ask us, not so much what the new doctrines talk about, as what they propose as models of life, as modes of worship, and as things to be done. Our work, therefore, is not aggression on old forms, but the inauguration of new forms. We are not called on to make war against Babylon, but to build up Jerusalem.

We have sometimes mistaken our calling in this respect, and have gone forth with a destructive, instead of a conservative and forgiving, spirit; and the result has been bad in proportion to the greatness of the effort. But the Lord has been mindful of us, and has led us into a course more in harmony with his own divine providence; and, wherever we have gone forth truly in his name, the result has been happy, — the New Church has been established among the Gentiles, and the wilderness has been made to bud and blossom as the rose.

Praying that the Lord may bless you and keep you, and that the New Jerusalem may then descend in its beauty and power, and that all things may conspire to continue the good-fellowship between us,

On behalf of the General Convention of the New Church in the United States of America,

I am, dear brethren, very affectionately yours,

J. P. Stuart.

Philadelphia, June 5, 1856.

Approved in Convention, June 6, 1856.
T. B. Hayward, *Secretary.*

Address from the General Conference of the New Church in England to the General Convention of the New Church in the United States of America.

Dear Brethren, — The sentiments with which the General Conference received your communication, through our Brother Stuart, are embodied in the following resolution (minute 35): —

"That this Conference rejoices to find that the friends in the New World have satisfactory evidence of the steady though gradual diffusion of more enlightened and liberal views among the religious public; showing that the

descent of the New Jerusalem is actually taking place, and that the obstacles to the reception of the heavenly doctrines are being removed; and the members of the Conference trust that their American brethren will be encouraged to carry out the means for the extension of the knowledge of those doctrines, and, by their works, to promote the glory of our Father in heaven."

By a subsequent minute, I am charged with the duty of more fully acknowledging your Address, and expressing the sentiments of the English brethren, — a duty I have sincere pleasure in fulfilling.

It afforded the Conference unfeigned satisfaction to learn that the absence of the Annual Address from you the year previous arose from accident, and not from any indifference on the part of our American brethren. It was equally gratifying to be assured of the interest our communications excite on your side of the Atlantic, — an interest fully shared by us in the communications that emanate from you. The Conference, moreover, cordially reciprocates the desire expressed in your Address, — to draw more closely the bonds of union between us, not only in the expression of our sympathy, but, as far as practicable, in the interchange of kind offices. It is prophetically said of those at the Lord's first advent who feared the Lord (Mal. iii. 16), "that they spake often one to another;" and that "the Lord hearkened, and heard it; and [that] a book of remembrance was written before him, for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name." The uses and advantages of such intercommunication must be felt to be equally great at the period of the second advent as at the first; and the community of blood, language, and general feeling, in addition to the community of religious sentiment, existent between us, ought to awaken an especial sympathy in whatever either directly or indirectly concerns the church in either country. And as Providence appears to be opening the way to a fuller realization of these advantages, in the multiplication of the means of intercommunication between all parts of the civilized world, we may anticipate, that, in all likelihood, proportionably enlarged uses will ultimately accrue to the church from it.

These, as also the changes adverted to in your Address, are among the fruits and the evidences of the "coming of the Son of man." They are as "the shooting-forth of the tender branch," which gives promise of the approach of summer (Mark xiii. 28). They are not only the evidence of the Lord's second advent having commenced, but also an earnest that its consequents will assuredly follow. They are the precursors of the day in which the "tabernacle of God is to be with men," — in which "he will dwell with them, and be their God, and they shall be his people." The advance of civilization, of science, and even of the mechanical arts, with their abuses as well as their blessings, foreshadows the approach of a period when the chief object contemplated in their employment will be the general good, as it is now individual gain.

The course of events, fraught as they are with consequences and significance, appears also to point to an important mission for the Anglo-Saxon race, in connection with the Lord's second advent. The extent of their commercial relations, which, with their productions, bear their influence to the remotest bounds of the world, — to which may be added the unprecedented increase of the race both in your country, and our own and its dependencies, — are evidences that the Divine Providence has in store for it some great work in the future destinies of the world. That the spiritual merchandise of divine truth, as presented in the Word in its letter, should have been borne to nearly every mart where our natural merchandise has found its way, whilst our missionaries have braved every danger in accomplishing this object, may be regarded as an intimation that on us will devolve the work of bearing the more glorious riches of the spirit of the Word, and as a pledge of the zeal and fidelity with which this new department of labor will be entered on, when its importance is seen and appreciated. Every event, under Providence, appears to be preparing the way. The spread of our common language, in which so great a portion of the New-Church literature is included, may be viewed as a provision to this end; whilst in the increasing activity that marks our progress may be seen the calling-forth and bracing-up of new energies, preparatory to their being concentrated on

some great work about to be inaugurated. But we are not alone: another branch of the Teutonic family, with our esteemed brother, Dr. Tafel, at its head, appears destined to exert no inconsiderable influence in Russia and the east of Europe. And doubtless the other nations will, in the Lord's own good time, awake from their slumbering condition to usher in the universal reign, when "the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ."

What gives these considerations an especial emphasis is, that we have now entered on the second century since the coming of the Lord to judgment, — a period when the reminiscences of the past and the prospects of the future, spontaneously, as it were, marshal themselves before us. In the former are some things that wear an aspect of great and hopeful significance. Whilst, for instance, some of the sections of the Christian world, which have had their birth within this period, have passed through their several phases of growth and maturity, and begun to show signs of decrepitude, and others have gone to the tomb, the New Church has not yet emerged from its infancy. Whilst, again, others have divided and subdivided, the New Church has grown in the direction of union. These are evidences that she holds a position and rests on a basis entirely distinct, and belongs to that "dominion which is [to be] an everlasting dominion," and to that "kingdom which shall not be destroyed" (Dan. vii. 13, 14), — evidences the more significant, as they are in no wise the results of our wisdom and foresight, but have occurred, we might almost say, in spite of our mistakes and shortcomings. We are constrained, therefore, to say, "It is the Lord's doing, and is marvellous in our eyes."

Indeed, one of the more important results accruing to the church from her past experience is the conviction that she has fallen into some practical errors. One of these has been adverted to in your Address; and we quite agree with you, that the genius of the New Church has been misapprehended, in the aggressive rather than conciliating spirit which has frequently characterized the advocacy of her doctrines. But the leading feature of her past history has been that of truth, rather than goodness; and her operations have been marked by the asperity of the former, rather than by the genial influences of the latter. This may, however, have been inseparable from her first development: at all events, we may conclude it to have been the highest state of which her first members were capable. It has also doubtless had its use, in the breaking up, to a great extent, of the strongholds of error, and may have been necessary to its accomplishment. And, moreover, one condition of the New Church is, that, differently from all preceding ones, she is to begin in externals, and progress towards internals; a fact, which, whilst giving promise of a brighter future, ought to admonish us of the necessity in which we stand, of looking unitedly and individually to the Lord to elevate our mind into higher states of love, wisdom, and use. With the commencement of a new century, let us hope the church may enter on a new phase, and that her future course may be as distinguished by goodness as it has hitherto been by truth. Goodness, under the comprehensive form of CHARITY, in the New-Church acceptation of the term, — that form which embraces all the spiritual graces, together with the moral, social, and civil virtues, and is the concrete embodiment of them, — is the great want of the age; and it is the mission of the New Church to supply it. In her doctrines alone is it insisted on as an essentially saving principle. With others, though not absolutely repudiated, it holds a subordinate place, and is only recognized as having an indirect influence in salvation: with us, it is, theoretically at least, the chief. To give it practical currency among men, would be one of the greatest boons that could be conferred on them. The success of any efforts to enforce this great practical duty will, however, it is scarcely necessary to observe, intimately depend on our individual and collective faithfulness to the great principles of doctrine and life we have espoused, and to the degree in which genuine charity permeates the lives of the members as well as the teachings of the church; looking at the same time to the Lord, without whom all our labors must be of no avail.

It is gratifying to hear so favorable an account of the prospects of the church among you. In this country, too, there is evidently a deep current of thought setting in, favorable to Swedenborg, though not so manifest on the surface, perhaps, as in yours. A circumstance likely to attract renewed attention to him is the recent discoveries of Dr. Livingstone in Africa, in which, so far as they have transpired, there is much in corroboration of the statements of our author relative to the races which inhabit that continent; though the doctor's travels have not reached to the part where the church is located.

Uniting with your brethren here in the sincere desire and prayer that you may experience the divine guidance and protection, I remain, in the cause of the New Church and in behalf of the General Conference,

Most sincerely and affectionately yours,

WOODVILLE WOODMAN, *President.*

MAY, 1857.

Supplement to the Executive Committee's Report.

The following document was presented to the Executive Committee, and referred by them to the Board of Publications: —

To the General Convention of the New-Jerusalem Church in the United States of America.

In relation to the establishment of the Lord's New Church on the American continent, and especially in regard to the German-speaking class of men, I do sincerely wish to bring one subject of great importance before this session of the Convention. That there are three essentials of the church in men is a well-known fact by all the intelligent receivers of the heavenly doctrines; and, at the same time, it is known that the New Church only is in possession of the three corresponding doctrines, teaching what those essentials are; namely, "The Doctrine of the New Jerusalem respecting the Lord," "The Doctrine of the New Jerusalem respecting the Sacred Scripture," and "The Doctrine of Life for the New Jerusalem." These are small works of the church, but of the greatest importance to be known and obeyed by men, for to begin a spiritual life, and so to be led into the New Jerusalem.

I therefore bring the following resolutions forward: —

Resolved, 1, That the Board of Publications be authorized to have the above-named publications stereotyped and reprinted in the German language, according to Dr. E. Tafel's translation.

Resolved, 2, That said publications be put up in pamphlet form, as cheap as possible, and placed in the hands of the book-agent of the General Convention, for sale.

JOHN H. RAGATZ.

CINCINNATI, June 11, 1857.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE NEW CHURCH

IN THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

PREAMBLE.

The members of the General Convention of the New Church in the United States of America receive and acknowledge the heavenly doctrines of the New Jerusalem, as revealed in the theological writings of Emanuel Swedenborg; the three essentials of which are laid down in the work on the "Divine Providence," No. 259, and are as follows: —

"There are three essentials of the church, —
"1. The acknowledgment of the Lord's divinity.
"2. The acknowledgment of the holiness of the Word.
"3. The life which is called charity."

They adopt, as rules of discipline or laws of charity, the Lord's words in Matt. v. 23, 24: "Therefore, if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." And in Matt. xviii. 15–17: "Moreover, if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But, if he will not hear, take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And, if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church; but, if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican."

And they unite together for the purpose of promoting the establishment and extension of the Lord's kingdom on the earth, by learning and performing those uses which appropriately belong to a general body of the church; and, for their organization and guidance, they adopt the following —

CONSTITUTION.

Of the Name, and Meetings.

Sect. 1. — The general body of the receivers of the heavenly doctrines of the New Jerusalem shall be called the General Convention of the New Church in the United States of America; and it shall meet annually, or otherwise, at such times and places as may be determined by the Convention itself, or by its Executive Committee.

Of Membership.

Sect. 2. — The General Convention shall be composed of Associations and other collective bodies of the church, and isolated receivers.

Sect. 3. — All ministers belonging to the Associations and other collective bodies of the church in connection with this body shall be members of the General Convention.

Sect. 4. — Every Association or other collective body of the church belonging to this Convention shall be entitled to two delegates; and every such body numbering fifty members shall be entitled to three delegates, and one additional delegate for every additional fifty members.

Sect. 5. — When a Society is represented in an Association or other collective body of the church which sends delegates to this Convention, such Society shall not be entitled to any other representatives in the Convention; but every Association or other collective body of the church shall be entitled to as many delegates as the Societies composing it are entitled to, and to such representation for its isolated members as it would be entitled to if no Societies belonged thereto.

Sect. 6. — At all meetings of the Convention, the representative or representatives of any Association, Society, or other collective body of the church, shall be entitled to cast the whole vote to which its ministers and delegates might be entitled if it were fully represented in the Convention.

Sect. 7. — Ministers and isolated receivers, who are so situated that they cannot be members of, or conveniently act with, a Society, Association, or other collective body, are invited to attend the Convention, and may be admitted members thereof by vote of the Convention; but no such minister or isolated receiver shall be a member of the Convention, unless he acknowledge the three essentials of the church as laid down in No. 259 of Emanuel Swedenborg's "Treatise on the Divine Providence," and assent to the Constitution of the Convention.

Sect. 8. — All associated bodies of the church, which are not now connected with this Convention or authorized to be represented therein, may be admitted members thereof, upon application, by vote of the Convention.

Of the Organization.

Sect. 9. — The officers of this Convention shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, together with a Committee of Ministers, and an Executive Committee, to consist of fifteen persons, of which the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Convention shall be *ex-officio* members, who shall hold their offices until the next regular meeting of the Convention subsequent to their election, and until others shall be chosen in their places.

Sect. 10. — The President shall preside at the meetings of Convention, and perform such other duties as are implied by the name of his office, or may be required of him by the Constitution or Convention. The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President, or when requested by him.

Sect. 11. — The Secretary shall keep and preserve a record of the doings of the Convention in a book suitable for that purpose, in which he shall record the entire proceedings of the Convention, including all motions, whether decided in the affirmative or negative; and this record shall be signed by the President and himself at the end of every session. He shall preserve all important documents coming before the Convention, and all other documents at least until the next regular meeting of the Convention, together with one hundred complete sets of the printed Journals for the use of the Convention.

Sect. 12. — The Treasurer shall receive all general contributions and donations to the funds of the Convention; specific contributions for aiding the distribution of the writings of Swedenborg, for supporting missions, and for educating candidates for the ministry, or other church purposes; and hold the same, subject to the control of the Convention or its Executive Committee.

Sect. 13. — The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and other members of the Executive Committee, shall be elected by ballot at a regular meeting of the Convention; but vacancies may be filled by the Executive Committee.

Sect. 14. — The Executive Committee shall have a general superintendence of the affairs of the Convention in the interim of its meetings; and it shall be their duty to take all such measures as they may deem orderly and necessary,

not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution, to disseminate the doctrines of the New Church, and promote its general good. They may appoint messengers from the Convention to any other associated body of the church; may authorize the payment of money from the treasury, upon the order of the President, countersigned by the Secretary, or of the President or Secretary, countersigned by any other member of the Executive Committee; and said Committee shall be the Finance Committee of the Convention.

Sect. 15. — Meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the President, Secretary, or any three members thereof, upon giving thirty days' notice by letter, the time to be computed from the mailing of the letter; and, at all meetings of said Committee, five shall constitute a quorum. No appropriation of a larger sum of money than two hundred dollars shall be made by said Committee, unless a majority of the members thereof assent thereto; and no portion of the principal of the Turner Fund shall be appropriated by the Committee; nor shall any appropriation be made by said Committee at any time beyond the amount in the treasury available for the purposes of the appropriation: but the Committee or Treasurer may accept loans of money, on the condition that it may be hereafter refunded from the assets of the Convention; for the repayment of which, neither the members of the Convention nor the Turner Fund shall be held responsible.

Sect. 16. — The Committee of Ministers shall be charged with all matters pertaining to the office and duty of ministers, except so far as the same is otherwise provided for in this Constitution, or shall be ordered by the Convention; and they shall have power to act in all such matters, with the concurrence of the Convention or the Executive Committee.

Sect. 17. — All officers and Standing Committees shall report in writing to the Convention at each session; and the Committee of Ministers and the Executive Committee shall report all their doings to the Convention.

Of the Ministry.

Sect. 18. — Receivers of the heavenly doctrines of the New Jerusalem, who have been baptized by a minister of the New Jerusalem, and are preparing for the ministry, may be licensed by an Ordaining Minister, for a term not exceeding one year at a time, to lead in public worship, to read the Word, to say the prayers, to preach the doctrines of the church, and to officiate at funerals.

Sect. 19. — Pastors or Missionaries may be ordained by an Ordaining Minister. Their office and duty, in addition to those of a Licentiate, shall be, to administer the ordinance of Baptism, to officiate at weddings, to administer the Holy Supper, to watch over the members, instruct and lead them in the way of life, and to perform such other duties pertaining to their office as may be required of them.

Sect. 20. — Ordaining Ministers shall possess, in addition to the powers of Pastors or Missionaries, the authority to grant licenses and ordain Ministers.

Sect. 21. — A candidate for the office of Pastor or Missionary must be a good and orderly member of some regularly instituted Society of the New Church, and shall bring a certificate of this fact from the Society to which he belongs. He must desire and intend to devote himself to the duties of the ministry, and shall present a written declaration of that desire and intention to the Ordaining Minister. He must have been previously licensed, and must have officiated under a license for a period not less than one year; and he must be invited by some regularly instituted Society of the New Church to become its Pastor, or be recommended by the authority of some Association or other general body of the church, or by the Committee of Ministers and Executive Committee of the Convention.

Sect. 22. — A candidate for the office of Ordaining Minister must be a Pastor of some regularly instituted Society of the New Church, and must be willing to perform the duties of an Ordaining Minister.

Sect. 23. — Persons without the bounds of an Association or other general body of the church in connection with this Convention may be licensed or

ordained upon the recommendation of the Committee of Ministers, and the concurrence of the Executive Committee.

Sect. 24. — The authority of all Ministers and Licentiates, under this Constitution, is conferred upon them as officers of the Convention; and no person shall be licensed or ordained within the bounds of any Association or other general body of the church in connection with this Convention, without the approbation of the authority of such Association or general body; nor shall any person be constituted an Ordaining Minister without the recommendation of the Committee of Ministers, and the approbation of the Convention, or its Executive Committee, if the Convention be not in session.

Sect. 25. — Whenever any licensed or ordained person shall call in question any of the doctrines of the New Church contained in the theological writings of Emanuel Swedenborg, or when his conduct or practices shall be such as are manifestly injurious to the church, or when his life shall evidently be not conformable to the Divine Commandments, he may be suspended from the exercise of his functions, as such Licentiate or Minister, by the authority of the Association, or other general body of the Church, within whose bounds he may be laboring or residing, until the next meeting of the Convention: but he shall have the right of appeal to the General Convention; and the Executive Committee of the Convention, with the concurrence of the Committee of Ministers, may remove such suspension, until his case shall be acted upon by the General Convention. The Executive Committee of the Convention may, for like cause, suspend any Licentiate or Minister not within the bounds of an Association or other general body of the church in connection with this Convention. And whenever, in the opinion of the Chairman of the Committee of Ministers of this Convention, or the Presiding Minister, Superintendent, or President of an Association or other general body of the church, the circumstances of the case require that the Licentiate or Minister should suspend his functions before there is time or opportunity to lay the case before such Executive Committee, or the authority of the Association or other general body of the church, such Chairman, Presiding Minister, Superintendent, or President, shall notify such Licentiate or Minister not to further exercise the authority of Licentiate or Minister, as the case may be, until the matter can be brought before the tribunal herein authorized to suspend. The Convention may for like cause suspend any Licentiate or Minister.

BY-LAWS OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Sect. 1. — There shall be a Standing Committee on Spiritual and Religious Instruction, whose duty shall be to select, write, or cause to be written, such books as they may deem well suited to the instruction of children and youth in the heavenly doctrines, and to make such suggestions as to the method of instruction as they may think useful.

Sect. 2. — There shall be a Standing Committee of Foreign Correspondence, whose duty shall be to establish and maintain a correspondence with public bodies and individuals of the New Church in other countries; to receive and answer communications from receivers of the doctrines, who may address them from abroad, on matters relating to the church; to attend to such matters as may from time to time be referred to them by the Convention; to extend the hand of charity, in the way of counsel, aid, and protection, to any properly recommended receivers who may present themselves from abroad; and to give suitable introductions to receivers going abroad. They shall also take measures for causing their existence as a permanent Board, and their personal addresses, to be made known to the members of the New Church in foreign countries.

Sect. 3. — There shall be a Committee on the Journal, of which the Secretary of Convention shall be the Chairman. It shall be their duty to procure the publication of the Journal entire as recorded, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention; and such reports or other documents received by the Convention, not ordered to be printed by the Convention, as they may deem useful; with such number of copies for distribution as the Committee shall

judge necessary. For the expense of printing the Journal, the Committee may draw on the Treasurer for any unappropriated funds in his hands.

Sect. 4. — It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend at the opening of each session of the Convention, and to bring with him the Book of Records, the Journals of the Convention, and such papers as may be in his possession relating to unfinished or other business likely to come before the Convention; and the Treasurer is authorized to audit his account for travelling expenses, and to pay the same.

Sect. 5. — All Committees shall be nominated by the President of the Convention, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention or provided in the Constitution.

Sect. 6. — The rules and regulations which obtain in deliberative assemblies generally are adopted by the Convention until otherwise ordered.

Sect. 7. — The *yeas* and *nays* shall be taken whenever they are called for by one-fifth of the persons voting.

Sect. 8. — The Constitution shall be reprinted with each Journal.

STANDING ORDERS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Duties and Powers of the President.

He shall present an Annual Report or Message, setting forth the condition and wants of the Convention; and shall deliver an address before it, on some day of each session, upon some of its more important interests.

He shall annually address the English Conference, or appoint some person to do so in his stead.

Duties of the Secretary.

He shall, under the direction of the President, distribute to the Ministers, Societies, and Associations belonging to this Convention, the Minutes of the English Conference, and other documents sent to this Convention for distribution, as soon as received.

Recommendations to Ministers.

To report to the Convention at each session, if they do not attend the same, stating where they are employed, and for what portion of the time.

To keep a record of the names, ages, residence, &c., of all persons baptized by them.

Recommendations to Societies in connection with this Convention, but not connected with an Association.

To establish a sabbath school, and to give it watchful care, in which the truths of the church shall be distinctly taught.

To adopt, as rules of discipline or laws of charity, what is taught by the Lord in Matt. v. 23, 24, and xviii. 15–17.

To establish free libraries of the theological works of Swedenborg, for loan to all who are interested.

Orders relating to the Convention.

That the meetings of the Convention be opened by the reading of the Word, and prayer, every morning.

That the sacrament of the Lord's Supper be administered on the sabbath included in the session of the Convention.

That all communications addressed to this Convention, during the interim between its sessions, be sent to the President or Secretary.

All addresses ordered by the Convention to go forth in its name shall first be submitted to the Convention for adoption.

To Associations, &c.

Each Association or other collective body of the church is requested to report annually a list of its ministers.

OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1857-8.

PRESIDENT . .	REV. THOMAS WORCESTER, D.D.	*Boston, Mass.*
VICE-PRESIDENT	REV. J. R. HIBBARD	*Chicago, Ill.*
SECRETARY . .	REV. T. B. HAYWARD	*Brookline, Mass.*
TREASURER . .	ROBERT L. SMITH	*Brooklyn, N.Y.*

Committee of Ministers.

Rev. Thomas Worcester, *President of Convention;* and Rev. James Seddon, Rev. Samuel F. Dike, Rev. J. R. Hibbard, Rev. Abiel Silver, and Rev. James P. Stuart.

Executive Committee.

The President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer; and Messrs. J. Young Scammon, of Chicago, and I. S. Britton, of Springfield, Ill.; Hon. John B. Niles, of Laporte, Ind.; Dr. Charles Shepard, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Rev. Chauncey Giles, of Cincinnati, Hon. R. S. Canby, Bellefontaine, Ohio; David Snyder, of Philadelphia; Dr. John Fonerden, of Baltimore; Sampson Reed, of Boston; Oliver Gerrish, of Portland, and William D. Sewall, of Bath, Maine.

Committee of Spiritual and Religious Instruction.

Rev. Joseph Pettee, Rev. William B. Hayden, Rev. T. B. Hayward, Rev. J. P. Stuart, Rev. Chauncey Giles; and Sampson Reed, I. S. Britton, and John Westall.

Committee of Foreign Correspondence.

Prof. Theophilus Parsons, of Cambridge, Mass.; William Roberts, of Philadelphia; J. Young Scammon, of Chicago; Dr. John Fonerden, of Baltimore; Dr. Nathaniel C. Towle, of Washington; Joseph Andrews, of Waltham, Mass.; Rev. Arthur O. Brickman, of Baltimore; Rev. S. F. Dike, of Bath, Maine.

Board of Publications.

J. Young Scammon, of Chicago; S. S. Carpenter, of Cincinnati; Sampson Reed, of Boston; Robert L. Smith, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Rev. Wm. B. Hayden, of Portland, Me.; Rev. Abiel Silver, of Contoocookville, N.H.; Dr. A. E. Small, of Chicago; Wm. J. Parsons, of Boston; and John C. Keffer, of Philadelphia.

Missionary and Colportage Committee.

Rev. Abiel Silver, of Contoocookville, N.H.; Rev. William B. Hayden, of Portland, Me.; Samuel S. Carpenter, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Dr. Nathaniel C. Towle, of Washington, D.C.; and William Roberts, of Philadelphia, Penn.

Committee for raising Funds.

Rev. Abiel Silver and Dr. N. C. Towle.

Committee on the History of the New Church.

Col. J. H. James, of Urbana, O.; Rev. J. R. Hibbard and Edwin Burnham, of Chicago; Sampson Reed, of Boston; Rev. Thomas P. Rodman, of Bridgewater, Mass.; Rev. Samuel F. Dike, of Bath, Me.; Robert L. Smith, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Lewis B. Curtis, of South Danby, N.Y.; William Roberts, of Philadelphia; Willard H. Hinkley, of Baltimore; N. F. Cabell, of Warminster, Va.; Rev. Jabez Fox, of Washington, D.C.; S. S. Carpenter, of Cincinnati.

Committee on the Journal.

Rev. T. B. Hayward, *Sec.;* Sampson Reed, and Rev. Wm. B. Hayden.

GENERAL CONVENTION.

The General Convention is composed of the following associations, isolated societies, and members by election: —

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION.

Societies. — Chicago, Peoria, Canton, and Henry.

MAINE ASSOCIATION.

Societies. — Portland, Bath, Gardiner, and Bangor.

MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION.

Societies. — Boston, Bridgewater, Abington, North Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Yarmouth, Lowell, Pawtucket, Foxborough and Mansfield, West Bridgewater, Fall River, Springfield, and Brookline.

MICHIGAN AND NORTHERN-INDIANA ASSOCIATION.

Societies. — Detroit, Grand Rapids, Edwardsburg, Marshall, Almonte, Little Prairie Ronde, Goshen, and Springfield.

PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION.

Societies. — Frankford Society, Second Philadelphia Society, and Upper-Darby Society.

GENERAL SOCIETY IN OHIO.

This is composed of receivers from all parts of the State.

Societies of the New Church belonging to the General Convention, but not Members of any Association.

Urbana Society, O.	admitted	1855.
Third Society in Philadelphia	„	1856.
Baltimore German Society	„	1857.
Hoboken Society, N.J.	„	1857.
Contoocook Society, N.H.	„	1857.

Members of the General Convention by Election.

Rev. Chauncey Giles, Cincinnati, O.	elected	1855.
Rev. Adonis Howard, East Bridgewater, Mass.	„	1855.
Rev. Elijah Bryan, St. Thomas, W.I.	„	1856.
Robert L. Smith, Brooklyn, Y.Y.	„	1855.
Dr. John Fonerden, Baltimore, M.D.	„	1855.
Robert Shaw, New-York City	„	1856.
Henry J. Osborne, Augusta, Georgia	„	1856.
N. Francis Cabell, Warminster, Va.	„	1856.

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES BELONGING TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Ordaining Ministers.

Thomas Worcester, Boston, Mass.	consecrated	Aug. 17, 1828.
James Seddon, Frankford, Philadelphia, Penn. .	,,	June 15, 1845.
Samuel Fuller Dike, Bath, Me.	,,	June 13, 1847.
John Randolph Hibbard, Chicago, Ill.	,,	June 13, 1847.
James Parke Stuart, Urbana, O.	,,	June 8, 1856.

Pastors and Missionaries.

*Isaac C. Worrell, Frankford, Philadelphia, Penn.	ordained	Dec. 1823.
Eleazar Smith, North Swanzey, Mass.	,,	June 4, 1826.
Joseph Pettee, Abington, Mass.	,,	July 25, 1838.
Warren Goddard, North Bridgewater, Mass. . .	,,	Sept. 19, 1839.
*Adonis Howard, East Bridgewater, Mass. . .	,,	Oct. 17, 1841.
Horatio N. Strong, Yellow-head Grove, Ill. . .	,,	Aug. 25, 1842.
Richard Hooper, Grandville, Kent Co., Mich. .	,,	Aug. 28, 1842.
George Field, Detroit, Mich.	,,	May 28, 1843.
Thomas Peckham Rodman, Bridgewater, Mass. .	,,	May 6, 1847.
Thomas Wilks, Upper Darby, Penn.	,,	Oct. 24, 1847.
Abiel Silver, Contoocookville, N.H.	,,	June 17, 1849.
Jabez Fox, Berkley, Mass.	,,	June 17, 1849.
T. B. Hayward, Brookline, Mass.	,,	June 14, 1850.
William B. Hayden, Portland, Me.	,,	June 13, 1851.
Samuel H. Worcester, Baltimore, Md.	,,	Aug. 28, 1851.
John P. Perry, Yarmouthport, Mass.	,,	May 9, 1852.
Thomas Storry, Peoria, Ill.	,,	May 30, 1852.
John H. Williams, Homer, Webster Co., Iowa .	,,	1853.
John H. Miller, Selma, Clark Co., O.	,,	May 29, 1853.
Chauncey Giles, Cincinnati, O.	,,	May 29, 1853.
Robert Children, Lancaster, Grant Co., Wis. . .	,,	Feb. 12, 1854.
Arthur O. Brickman, Baltimore, Md.	,,	Aug. 30, 1855.
Woodbury M. Fernald, Boston, Mass.	,,	April 16, 1857.
John Henry Ragatz, Chicago, Ill.	,,	May 31, 1857.
Frederick William Türk, Berlin, C.W.	,,	June 14, 1857.

Licentiates and Ministers.

*James Scott, Boston, Mass.	ordained†	June 10, 1842.
*John M. Hibbard, Athens, O.	licensed	May 28, 1843.
*Alfred E. Ford, Europe	ordained	June 27, 1847.
James Melrose, Canton, Ill.	,,	Oct. 3, 1847.
*Samuel M. Warren, England	licensed	Feb. 16, 1853.
Timothy O. Paine, East Bridgewater, Mass. . .	,,	June 5, 1854.
*John Worcester, Boston, Mass.	,,	Oct. 11, 1855.
Willard G. Day, Urbana, O.	,,	June 25, 1856.
*Edmund A. Beaman, East Bridgewater, Mass. .	,,	Oct. 10, 1856.

* Not constantly and regularly officiating at the present time.

† Those marked as *ordained* are called Ministers, though they have no more authority than Licentiates, — except Messrs. Scott and Melrose, who were authorized to baptize and to marry.

PLACES CONTAINING SOCIETIES AND RECEIVERS.

PLACES CONTAINING SOCIETIES ARE MARKED WITH ASTERISKS.

MAINE.

Augusta, Dr. S. M. Kate.
*Bangor, Isaac S. Whitman.
*Bath, Rev. Samuel F. Dike.
Belfast, Dr. John Paine.
Benton, Jones Dow.
Berwick, W. W. Johnson.
Biddeford, W. W. Salmon.
Bowdoinham, Benjamin Robinson.
Bradford, Perley G. Elden.
Bridgeton Centre, Luther Billings.
Canaan, Mrs. Lothrop Gitchell.
Cape Elizabeth, A. L. Sawyer.
Cornish, E. W. Wedgewood.
Craigie's Mills, Geo. Hayse.
Dennysville, Bela Lincoln.
Dexter, Henry G. H. Swanton.
Dixmont, Dr. A. Johnson.
Dresden, Robert Patterson.
Eastport, M. Bradish.
East Vassalborough, Miss Nancy Hoyt.
Eddington, Phebe M. Lilly.
Farmington, Dr. Clark.
Foxcroft, Augustus Hale.
Freeport, Dr. E. Wells.
*Gardiner, Henry B. Hoskins.
Hallowell, D. P. Livermore.
Harrison, Timothy Ricker.
Jay, Miss Elizabeth D. Hyde.
Jefferson, Hiram Pike.
Kendall's Mills, Dr. E. K. Boyle.
Kennebunk, Dr. E. G. Stephens.
Kennebunkport, Capt. John L. Little.
Lebanon, Samuel Rowe.
Leeds Centre, F. B. Leonard.
Lewiston, Ambrose Herriman.
Lewiston Falls, Miss Susan Chandler.
Limerick, C. B. Lord.
Limington, Mrs. Josiah Marston.
Lincoln, A. G. Randall.
Livermore Falls, Cyrus Knapp.
Monmouth, John B. Welch.
Mt. Vernon, B. H. Gilbraith.
North Monmouth, Mr. Kimball.
North Norway, L. W. Pingree.
North Palmer, E. T. Chase.
North Vassalborough, David C. Lincoln.
North Waterford, Colburn Wheeler.
Norway Village, James Deering.
Parsonsfield, B. R. Jordan.
*Portland, Oliver Gerrish.
Richmond, Dr. J. Donnell Young.
Rockland, F. A. D. Singhi.
Saco, Mrs. Fernald.
Saccarappa, Archelaus Lewis.
Searsport, Mrs. Pray.
South Berwick, Capt. Ira Goodwin.
South Windham, N. Burnet.
South Windsor, James Wingate.
Thomaston, Mrs. Copeland.
Waterborough, Mrs. Mary Folsom.
Waterville, Mr. Palmer.
Wayne, Mrs. B. W. Varnum.
Welchville, Wm. N. Hall.
West Newfield, Daniel Dam.
Williamsburg, H. K. Adams.
Winslow, J. Bowman Stratton.
Winthrop, Dr. Ezekiel Holmes.
Wiscasset, Miss Elizabeth Parker.
Yarmouth, Asa Bisbee.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Amherst, Thomas Wilkins.
*Contoocookville, Rev. Abiel Silver.
Exeter, J. M. Hibbard.
Farmington, Dr. Rufus K. Pearl.
Franklin, Eben Clark.
Hollis, Taylor G. Worcester.
Langdon, Annan Evans.
Lempster, T. W. Abel, M.D.
Manchester, Samuel Lord.
Nashua, Noah E. Hale.
Portsmouth, B. F. Chandler.
Sanbornton, Nathaniel Piper.

VERMONT.

Middlebury, James Jewett.
Randolph, Simeon H. Edson.
Springfield, Frederic W. Porter.

MASSACHUSETTS.

*Abington, Rev. Joseph Pettee.
Barnstable, Chauncey Conant.
Berlin, Artemas Barnes.
*Boston, Rev. Thomas Worcester.
Braintree, James Denton.
*Bridgewater, Rev. Thos. P. Rodman.
Brimfield, Mrs. Augustus Wheeler.
*Brookline, William A. Wellman.
Cambridge, Prof. Theophilus Parsons.
Carver, Lewis Pratt.
Charlestown, Dr. John Cheever.
Chelsea, Noah Worcester.

Chicopee, Corey McFarland.
Dedham, Dr. Payne.
Dorchester, Frederick Nichols.
Dover, Linus Bliss.
*East Bridgewater, T. O. Paine.
East Douglas, F. A. Albee.
Easton, Dr. Caleb Swan.
East Randolph, Thomas West.
Edgartown, M.V., Dr. I. H. Lucas.
Fair Haven, Dr. James C. Mara.
*Fall River, John Westall.
Falmouth, R. S. Wood.
*Foxborough, Warren Bird.
Franklin, Joseph Woodward.
Greenfield, Wm. H. Barber.
Harvard, Trumbull Bull.
Kingston, Samuel Ring.
Lancaster, Henry Wilder.
Lakeville, John Sampson.
Leicester, Samuel Southgate.
*Lowell, B. S. Hale.
Lynn, Benjamin Shaw.
*Mansfield, Daniel Fisher, jun.
Marblehead, John Bartol.
Marlborough, Miss Lavinia Howe.
Medford, John Angier.
*Middleborough Four Corners, Col. E. G. Perkins.
Nantucket, Dr. John T. Metcalf.
New Bedford, Robert Tilden.
Newton, J. W. Hunt.
Newtonville, T. H. Carter.
Northampton, Dr. E. E. Denniston.
*North Bridgewater, Rev. Warren Goddard.
Northfield, Wm. Brown.
North Marshfield, Allen C. Tilden.
*Pawtucket, Clark Shearman.
Pembroke, Miss Sophia Salmond.
Pittsfield, Calvin Newton.
Plymouth, Dr. James L. Hunt.
Raynham, William Snow.
Reading, Franklin Putnam.
Roxbury, William H. Dunbar.
Salem, W. B. Pike.
Scituate, Elijah Jenkins.
Sharon, John Mills.
Southbridge, Henry Baylies.
South Reading, James F. Burditt.
*Springfield, Dr. G. W. Swazey.
Stoughton, Martin Wales.
Taunton, Dr. I. T. Harris.
Uxbridge, Mrs. R. D. Morey.
Waltham, Calvin Clark.
Wareham, Silas S. Gibbs.
Wendell, John Hunt.
Winchester, Thaxter Norton.
*West Bridgewater, Nahum Leonard.
West Roxbury, Dr. B. F. Wing.
West Springfield, J. E. Ferre.
Williamstown, J. R. Putnam.
Wrentham, Miss Eunice Everett.
*Yarmouthport, Rev. John P. Perry.

RHODE ISLAND.

Bristol, James Diman.
Cranston, Anson Potter.
North Providence, Adam Anthony.
*Providence, John Prentice.
Warwick, Simon H. Greene.

CONNECTICUT.

Bolton, Harvey Calking.
Bridgeport, Henry May.
East Lyme, Thomas Avery.
Middletown, Julius Hotchkiss.
Mystic River, Palmer Gallup.
Thompsonville, Dr. Thomas H. Warren.
Waterbury, Dr. R. G. Reynolds.
West Suffield, John Wyman.

NEW YORK.

*Baiting Hollow, Riverhead, L.I., Jonathan Horton.
Brooklyn, Robert L. Smith.
Buffalo, J. G. Case.
Canandaigua, Robert Royce.
Candor, Tioga Co., Jesse D. Smith.
Cazenovia, Mrs. Anna H. W. Adams.
Cohoes, Charles A. Olmstead.
Dexter, Jesse Babcock.
Hornellsville, J. K. Hale.
Little York, James E. Cushing.
Morrisania, J. T. Pearson.
Mount Morris, Livingston Co., Jacob Frank.
*New-York City, Samuel L. Waldo.
Oswego, Mr. Doolittle.
*Riverhead, L.I., John Wells.
Sag Harbor, J. H. Robbins.
*South Danby, Nathan Beers.
Spencer, John Watson.
Syracuse, Charles T. Norton.
Troy, Jefferson Gardner.
Utica, Dr. Ebenezer Leach.
Watertown, William V. V. Rosa, M.D.
Woodville, Amos E. Wood.

NEW JERSEY.

Elizabethtown, John Allen.
Hamburg, Robert A. Linn.
Hoboken, Dr. John B. Petherbridge.
Mount Holley, Joseph Shaffer.
Newton, Mrs. Margaret G. Anderson.
Patterson, J. D. Blauvelt.
Sparta, R. H. Morris.
Trenton, Dr. J. C. Boardman.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Brownville, Eli Abrams.
*Frankford, Rev. James Seddon.
Franklin, Venango Co., Robert Ayres.
Indiana, Indiana Co., Joseph Young.
Near Johnstown, Edwin A. Vickroy.
*Lancaster, F. J. Kramph.
*Leraysville, William Black.
McConnellsburg, Andrew J. Cline.
Mount Pleasant, Bridgewater, Beaver Co., John Hewett.
Paradise, Lancaster Co., Henry A. Carpenter.
*Philadelphia, David Snyder.
" Charles S. Close.
" Dr. Henry N. Guernsey.
*Pittsburg, Henry Higby.
Stoystown, George Graham.
Towanda, Leonard Pratt.
*Upper Darby, Delaware Co., Rev. Thomas Wilks, Thomas Kent.

DELAWARE.

Wilmington, Daniel Lammot.

MARYLAND.

Annapolis, Prof. William Chauvenet.
*Baltimore, Rev. Samuel H. Worcester.
" " Arthur O. Brickman.
Beaver Creek P. O., Washington Co., Samuel Faulder.
Elk-Ridge Landing, Dr. Joel Hopkins.
Lower Marlborough, Joshua O. Colburn.
Pylesville, Harford Co., John Taylor.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

*Washington, Prof. A. G. Pendleton.
" Dr. N. C. Towle.

VIRGINIA.

Abingdon, Conally F. Trigg.
Alexandria, Wilson M. C. Fairfax.
Cameron, King-George Co., Dr. F. Fairfax.
Charleston, Mrs. Hedrick.
Lynchburg, John B. Cabell.
Marshall Co. (Sunfish P. O., Monroe Co., O.), James Campbell.
Warminster, Nelson Co., N. F. Cabell.
*Wheeling, James Mellor.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

*Charleston, W. H. Inglesby.
Edgefield, D. F. Laboard.

GEORGIA.

Albany, Col. Nelson Tift.
Augusta, Henry J. Osborne.
Clinton, Jones Co., Frederick Blanchard.
Macon, Prof. J. N. Loomis.
Milledgeville, Gov. H. V. Johnson.
Savannah, Dr. Elisha Parsons.
Thomasville, William Hunnewell.
Warrenton, George V. Neal.

FLORIDA.

Tallahassee, Charles H. Austin.

ALABAMA.

Livingston, Sumpter Co., Samuel A. Hale.
Washington, Autauga Co., John Mills.
Wetumpka, J. C. Humphreyville.

MISSISSIPPI.

Caledonia P. O., Lowndes Co., Peter Mayo.
Okachickima, Yalobusha Co., W. B. Wilbourn.

LOUISIANA.

Baton Rouge, Samuel Newton.
New Orleans, L. E. Reynolds.
Plaquemine, G. W. Bayley.
Russelville, Claibourne Parish, Reuben Drake.
Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Adam Bauman.
Thibodaux, Lafourche, Dr. William Brazier, jun.
Waterproof, Tensas Parish, John P. Mason.

TENNESSEE.

Bellemont, Dr. A. Roane.
Knoxville, David Campbell.

KENTUCKY.

Cadiz, Rocky-Ridge P. O., Dr. William C. Haydon.
Covington, Henry Albro.
Flower Creek, Thomas French.
Henderson, J. F. Williams.
Lexington, William Young.
Louisville, James Fulton.
Shepherdsville, Dr. R. H. Goe.

OHIO.

Athens, John M. Hibbard.
Bellefontaine, R. S. Canby.
Bourneville, Ross Co., John Somerville.

Bowling Green, Wood Co., George Williams.
Bridgeport, Belmont Co., Alexander Branum.
Centreville, Montgomery Co., Abel Sherman.
Chester, Meigs Co., William Hobart.
*Chillicothe, Ross Co., A. D. Sproat.
*Cincinnati, Rev. Chauncey Giles.
Cleveland, M. Carson.
Congress, Wayne Co., John S. Tarr.
*Dayton, David Pruden.
East Rockport, James Nicholson.
Elland, Dunlop P. O., Hamilton Co., Giles Richards.
Euclid, Cuyahoga Co., A. McReynolds.
Fletcher, Miami Co., Mr. Wilgus.
Greenvillage, Mahoning Co., John Stahl.
*Guilford, Medina Co., A. V. Eastman.
Hamilton, Butler Co., Dr. H. C. Howells.
Harveysburg, Warren Co., Dr. McCowan.
Jefferson, Ashtabula Co., Wm. Howells.
Johnsville, Montgomery Co., William Gillespy.
Kyger P. O., Gallia Co., A. and J. Bradbury.
*Lebanon, Warren Co., William Frost.
Limaville, Stark Co., Asa Morse.
Longbottom, Meigs Co., John Davis.
Macconnelsville, Morgan Co., Matthew Wilson.
Marietta, Washington Co., Eli Ijams.
Massillon, Stark Co., T. W. Harvey.
Mifflin, Richland Co., Henry Weirich.
Milford, Clermont Co., Wm. E. Tingley.
*Newark, Licking Co., James White.
New Athens, Charles Reed.
New Petersburg, Stephen Peabody.
Norwalk, Samuel T. Worcester.
Nyesville, Meigs Co., Leonard Carlton.
Olivesburg, Richland Co., J. M. Ozier.
Pomeroy P. O., Meigs Co., Cyrus Grant.
Port Clinton, Ottawa Co., S. L. Lockwood.
*Rutland, Meigs Co., Mrs. John McQuigg.
Salisbury P. O., Meigs Co., William H. Grant.
Selma, Clark Co., Rev. J. H. Miller.
*Springfield, Clark Co.
Steubenville, Mr. Powell.
Tiffin, Seneca Co., J. P. Pillars.
Toledo, Alexander Henderson.
Twenty-mile Stand, Hamilton Co., David Espy.
*Urbana, Champaign Co., M. G. Williams.
Wickliffe, Lake Co., S. Chesbro.
Windsor, Ashtabula Co., Chas. Stearns.
Wooster, Wayne Co., John H. Pile.
Youngstown, George Tod.

INDIANA.

Boxley, Hamilton Co., Thomas P. Boxley.
Bristol, Elkhart Co., Miss Gregory.
Brownsville, Union Co., Resin Mason.
Cleveland, Elkhart Co., Mrs. W. Evans.
East Cleveland, O. R. Hyde.
Elkhart, Elkhart Co., B. D. Sherwood.
Enterprise, Steuben Co., J. A. Haughey.
Eugene, Vermilion Co., Isaac Hobart.
Evansville, William Wilkinson.
*Goshen, E. M. Chamberlin.
Indianapolis, W. W. Wick.
Jeffersonville, T. M. Elmer, P. M.
Lafayette, Dr. O. L. Clark.
Laporte, John B. Niles.
Middleton, Henry Co., John M. Fenton.
Moorfield, James N. Taylor.
New Albany, Samuel F. Haslett.
Noble C. H., Noble Co., Elisha Blackman.
Richmond, Dr. O. H. P. Baer.
Scipio, Franklin Co., George Hubbell.
Springfield, George Osborn.
Washington, near Vincennes, Col. William McCormick.
Washingtonville, Columbiana Co., Henry Snyder.

ILLINOIS.

Alton, Madison Co., Moses G. Atwood.
Antioch, Lake Co., George Hale.
Aurora, Jesse T. Kaye.
Batavia, Kane Co., Stephen Wood.
Belleville, St. Clair Co., Wm. C. Davis.
Belvidere, Boone Co., G. W. Horton.
Near Belvidere, N. Bartlette.
Bloomingdale, Du Page Co., Richard Dye.
Bloomington, Dr. Hoover.
Bonaparte, Du Page Co., Eliphalet Strong.
*Canton, Fulton Co., Rev. J. Melrose.
Carrolton, Greene Co., Luman Curtius.
Carthage, G. D. Trites.
Charleston, Coles Co., Stephen Sergeant.
*Chicago, Cook Co., Rev. J. R. Hibbard.
Clinton, Edward Porter.
Crystal Lake, T. A. Stuart.
Cuba, Fulton Co., A. A. Ransom.
Decatur, Mrs. Louisa G. Chapman.
Deer Creek, Tazewell Co., Eri Bogardus.
Dixon, Lee Co., Mr. Gilmore.

Elgin, Kane Co., John Lovell.
Ellisville, Fulton Co., Dr. Geo. Davis.
Elmore, Peoria Co., G. P. Wyckoff.
Farmington, Fulton Co., Daniel James.
Galena, G. W. Brownell.
Galesburg, Knox Co., G. C. Lanphere.
Galva, Mr. Woliver.
Geneseo, John Smith.
Hampshire, Kane Co., Joseph M. Switzer.
Harkness Grove, Trivoli P. O., Peoria Co., S. Loomis.
Havana, Mason Co., Mr. McCowen.
Henderson, Knox Co., Henry Area.
Hennepin, Dr. B. Taber.
*Henry, Marshall Co., Dr. Charles Davis.
Hillsborough, Montgomery Co., E. H. Perkins.
Jacksonville, Morgan Co., Mr. Ramsey.
Jerseyville, Jersey Co., Alexander Coles.
Joliet, M. C. Bissell.
Kane P. O., Jersey Co., James A. Tollmann.
Lacon, Marshall Co., Mr. Reynolds.
Lafayette, C. Sprague.
Liberty, Adams Co., John W. Smith.
Lisbon, Kendall Co., Henry Benson.
Magnolia, Putnam Co., Dr. Reynolds.
Monmouth, Mrs. R. T. Wilcox.
Morris, Grundy Co., Wm. T. Hopkins.
Mt. Carroll, Carroll Co., Dr. J. L. Hostetter.
Near Naperville, Du Page Co., Thomas Betts.
Oneco, Stephenson Co., David Ault.
Oquawka, C. B. Matthews.
Oswego, Kendall Co., Mrs. Suydam.
Ottawa, La Salle Co., Jacob G. Stone.
*Peoria, Peoria Co., Rev. Thomas Storry.
Peru, La Salle Co., Dr. J. F. Weeks.
Petersburg, Menard Co., E. Taylor.
Princeton, Bureau Co., Asa B. Thayer.
Richmond, McHenry Co., Dr. Stone.
Ringgold, Cook Co., Cyrus Butterfield.
Rock Creek, Carroll Co., Dr. L. C. Belding.
Rockford, E. Jones.
Rock Island, J. D. Brown.
Rooks Creek P. O., Livingston Co., C. Erp.
Sheffield, B. P. Van Court.
Southport, Peoria Co., George Pulsipher.
Springfield, Sangamon Co., I. S. Britton.
St. Charles, Kane Co., John B. Blanchard.
Toulon, Stark Co., George A. Clifford.
Tremont, Tazewell Co., Chas. Emerson.
Utica, Fulton Co., Dr. J. S. Stout.
Wabash Point, Paradise P. O., Coles Co., Dr. Daniel Williams.
Waukegan, Lake Co., S. M. Dowst.
Wesley, Will Co., Mr. Luther.
Yellow-head Grove, Waukegan Co., Rev. H. N. Strong.

MICHIGAN.

Abscota, Dr. Smith.
*Almonte, William Hamilton.
Bainbridge, Berrien Co., Sidney Spencer.
Brownstown, Wayne Co., Clayton Wisdom.
Cassopolis, Cass Co., Jacob Silver.
Ceresco, Calhoun Co., Thomas Knight.
Charlotte, Eaton Co., H. H. Hatch.
*Detroit, Rev. George Field.
,, Eugene Laible.
Dexter, Washtenaw Co., Henry Vinkle.
Dowagiac, B. F. Silver.
Eckford, Calhoun Co., S. Burt Keep.
Eden, Ingham Co., Wm. G. H. Harford.
*Edwardsburg, Cass Co., Orrin Silver.
Galesburg, Kalamazoo Co., Roswell Ransom.
*Grand Rapids, Dr. Charles Shepard.
Grandville, Kent Co., Rev. Richard Hooper.
Homer, Calhoun Co., Wm. W. Wells.
Iosco, Charles Harford.
Jackson, Delos J. Holden.
Jonesville, John T. Blois.
Kalamazoo, W. G. Dewing.
Near Lansing, Chauncey Goodrich.
*Little Prairie Ronde, Bennet Copley.
*Marshall, A. Baker.
Monroe, Mr. Cook.
Newton, Joseph Saunders.
Niles, A. S. Howard.
Otsego, Allegan Co., Dr. L. B. Coates.
Pontiac, A. Merryweather.
Port Huron, St. Clair Co., Dr. F. Finster.
Portland, Ionia Co., James Bailey.
Redford, Wayne Co., Wm. Robinson.
Saline, Washtenaw Co., O. Risdon.
*Springfield, Oakland Co., Chauncey Brownell.
St. Clair, Mrs. W. H. Babcock.
Tecumseh, Lenawe Co., S. C. Boughton.
Worth, Tuscolla Co., M. L. Miller.

WISCONSIN.

Astor, Green Bay, Mrs. Goodell.
Bad Axe, James Harkness.
Beloit, Mrs. Juliet T. Poole.

Delafield, Simeon Child.
Elk Grove, Lafayette Co., Capt. Edward Leslie.
Grand Prairie, Mrs. Whittier.
Hazel Green, Grant Co., H. D. York.
Horicon, Dodge Co., W. H. Butterfield.
Janesville, J. R. Bennett.
Jefferson, Charles Copeland.
Lancaster, Grant Co., Robert Children.
Madison, Mrs. Henry C. Bull.
Mankato, B. Earth Co., Nelson Horton.
Marquette, Marquette Co., J. Conly.
Milwaukie, P. Mossin.
Oconomowoc, Robert Pope.
Omro, Winnebago Co., Dr. W. P. McAlliston.
Pleasant Prairie, near Kenosha, G. Pope.
Portage City, T. B. Haslam.
Stoughton, J. F. Gilman.
Twin Rivers, Manitowoc Co., B. F. Sias.
Waukesha, Dr. L. C. Slye.
Whitewater, Henry D. Hull.
Wyocena, Columbia Co., Thomas H. Powers.

IOWA.

Burlington, Hans Thielsen.
Davenport, John Crane.
Denmark, Lee Co., James A. Shedd.
Eddyville, Wapello Co., George W. Hawkes.
Farmington, Van-Buren Co., Mrs. C. Babcock.
Homer, Webster Co., Rev. J. H. Williams.
Le Claire, N. B. Ells.
Marion, Linn Co., Mrs. Allsworth.
Montezuma, Arthur Carpenter.
Muscatine, Samuel Marshall.
Mt. Pleasant, Henry Co., George W. Bentley.
Winfield, Scott Co., —— Clayton.

MINNESOTA TERRITORY.

St. Paul's, W. R. Marshall.
Wayzata, Hennepin Co., Jonathan Clay.

MISSOURI.

Columbia, Boone Co., F. A. Hamilton.
Newark, King's Co., W. L. Smith.
St. Charles, James Judge.
St. Louis, Dr. C. W. Spalding.
Westport, T. M. Adams.

KANSAS.

Lawrence, E. D. Ladd.

NEBRASKA.

Fort Calhoun, James S. Riddler.

ARKANSAS.

Fort Smith, A. Hamilton Smith.

TEXAS.

Houston, A. C. Allen.

CALIFORNIA.

Sacramento, James Kellogg.
San Francisco, L. Laughton Blood.

CANADA WEST.

Berlin, Waterloo Co., Rev. F. W. Türk.
Canestogo, Charles Hendry, Esq.
City of Toronto, Thomas Thompson.
Concord, Peter E. Kaiser.
Etobicoke, John B. Bagwell.
Fingal, Southwold, Thomas Larkin.
Kleinberg, Mr. Kerr.
Galt, Gowanlock and Scott.
Mansfield, John Giffin.
Mayfield, Chinguacousy, W. Spiers, Esq.
Mitchell's Corner, Whitchurch, Robert Lyon.
Philipsburg, Christopher Doering.
Quebec (Bank of Montreal), Mr. Le Sueur.
Sandwich, Lewis Beers Hyatt.
Smithville, Henry Doering, Esq.
Stanley's Mills, John Bagwell, Esq.
Streetsville, Samuel Brown.
St. Steven's, Hon. G. S. Stevens.
Thornhill, Yonge St., Daniel Wright.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Woodstock, Joseph Harvey.

WEST INDIES.

Bassin, Santa Cruz, Mr. Ryan.
Island of Montserrat, Thomas Burke.
Lucea, Jamaica, Richard E. Chambers.
Port of Spain (city), Trinidad, Thos. Shirley Warner.
St. Thomas, Vibe Kierulf.

AFRICA, CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

Cape Town, E. J. Jerram.
„ „ G. W. Silberbaum.

All persons will confer a favor by sending corrections of and additions to the foregoing lists to the Secretary of the General Convention, *postpaid*.

T. B. Hayward.

LIST OF SOCIETIES OF THE NEW CHURCH IN ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, AND IRELAND.

In this list, the first name is that of the place where the society is located; the second designates the situation of its place of worship; the third is the name of its minister or some member, generally with the residence annexed.

Accrington, Abbey Street, Mr. W. Barnes, Midland Terrace.
Alloa, Mill Street, Mr. Allan Drysdale, 44, Mill Street.
Ashton-under-Lyne, Fleet Street, Mr. Isaac Brierly, Acres Lane.
Bath, Henry Street, Mr. James Keene, 16, Norfolk Buildings.
Birmingham, Summer Lane, Rev. E. Madeley, 337, Summer Lane.
Blackburn.
Bolton, Bridge Street, Mr. J. W. Haddock, Bridge Street.
Brightlingsea, Waterside Lane, Mr. W. H. Griggs, Brightlingsea.
Bristol.
Bury, Henry Street, Mr. R. Carter, 1, Marsden Street, Hornby Street.
Chatham, Salem Chapel, Rhode Street, Mr. J. Jones, Rhode Street.
Dalton, Grove Place, Rev. R. Storry, Dalton.
Derby, Babington Lane, Rev. W. Mason, 6, Wilmot Street.
Edinburgh, 6, Infirmary Street, Mr. E. S. Craigie, at Gallie and Laird's, iron-merchants.
Embsay, near Skipton, Mr. T. H. Shacklock, Embsay.
Failsworth, near Manchester, Mr. W. Standring, Burnt Barn.
Glasgow, Cathedral Street, Rev. O. Prescott Hiller, 106, North Frederic Street.
Haslingden, Blackburn Road, Mr. J. S. Hawley, Haslingden.
Heywood, Church Street, Mr. J. B. Kennerley, Mill Bank.
Ipswich, High Street, St. Margaret's, Rev. D. G. Goyder, 8, Norwich Road.
Jersey, Victoria Street, Mr. Titus Brown, 5, York Street.
Keighley, King Street, Mr. T. A. Sugden, Queen Street.
Kersley, near Manchester, Rev. W. Woodman, Stone Clough, Manchester.
Leeds, Albion Street, Rev. R. Edlestone, Headingley Hill.
Liverpool, Bedford Street, North, Mr. Joseph Skeaf, Adelphi Hotel.
Liverpool, Limekiln Lane, Mr. R. G. Sheldon, 195, Vauxhall Road.
London, Argyle Square, King's Cross, Rev. J. Bayley, 2, Mount Pleasant, Barnsbury Square.
London, Cross Street, Hatton Garden, Rev. W. Bruce, 1, Torriano Cottages, Kentish Town.
London, Devonshire Street, Islington, Rev. A. A. Beechey, New-Church College, Devonshire Street, Islington.
Longton, Mead View Place, Mr. Stephen Wood, Wood Street.
Manchester, Peter Street, Rev. J. H. Smithson, 25, Cecil Street, Greenheys.
Melbourne, Pen Lane, Mr. John Clemson, Melbourne.
Middleton, Wood Street, Mr. James Ashton, Park Wood.
Mirfield, Knowl, Mr. Joseph Hirst, near New-Jerusalem Chapel, Mirfield.
Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Percy Street, Rev. T. O'Gorman, Summer-hill Street.
Norwich, Queen Street, Rev. R. Abbott, Belle Vue, Green Hills.
Nottingham, North Church Street, Mr. W. Pegg, 3, Platt Street.
Oxford, Brewery Street, St. Clement's, Mr. W. Ray, Academy, Rose Hill.
Paisley, 8, Barr Street, Mr. D. Fleming, 29, Glen Street.
Preston, Avenham Road, Rev. E. D. Rendell, Avenham Road.
Ramsbottom, Ramsbottom Lane, Mr. T. Inskip, Ramsbottom Lane.
St. Osyth, Spring Road, Mr. W. Grickson, Clacton Road.
Salford, Bolton Street, Rev. D. Howarth, Sherwood Terrace, Rusholme, Manchester.
Salisbury, Mr. A. Coney, Brown Street.
Stand Lane, Radcliffe, Manchester, Rev. J. Boys, Radcliffe, Manchester.
Westleigh, Union Street, Mr. J. Adkin, Union Street, Leigh.
Wigan, Duke Street, Wigan Lane, Mr. S. Mason, Aspull, near Wigan.
York, 46, Goodramgate, Mr. W. Heppel, 46, Goodramgate.

Addresses of Ministers not given above.

Rev. J. W. Barnes, 37, Southgate Street, Bath.
Rev. T. Chalklen, 38, Wilton Square, New North Road, London.
Rev. J. Cull, 2, St. Mary's Place, Edgehill, Liverpool.
Rev. T. C. Shaw, 26, Southampton Place, Euston Square, London.
Rev. J. F. Wynn, North Barr Street, Beverley.
Rev. D. T. Dyke, North Lodge, Wilton, Wilts.

LIST OF SOCIETIES NOT IN CONNECTION WITH THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Aberdeen, Mr. Kellas, Regent Quay.
Boardman Lane, near Middleton, Mr.
Bradford, Mr. W. Dyson, Messrs. Schwann, Kell, and Co., Hall Ings.
Burnley, Mr. Robert Bailey, Spring Terrace.
Carlisle, Mr. Bainbridge, 15, Brook Street.
Dunfermline, Mr. J. N. Paton, sen.
Elmham, Norfolk, Mr. R. Able, North Elmham.
Loughborough, Mr. W. Dean, Fennel Street.
Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire, Mr. T. Riley.
St. Ives, Huntingdon, Mr. Tall.
Stockport, Mr. Jno. Holt, Adsworth Lane.
Stonehill, Farnworth, near Bolton, Mr. Lever.
Twerton, near Bath, Mr. Dawney, Railway Station.
Winchester, Mr. Butcher, High Street.
Wivenhoe, Essex, Mr. D. Chapman.
Adelaide, South Australia, Mr. E. Spiller, Grenfell Street.

LIST OF PLACES ON THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE.

GERMAN STATES.

Augsburg, Mr. C. F. Freyer, Stieftungs Cassier, 25.
Frankfort, Mr. H. L. Schweiger, Bromerstrasse, No. 1, second story.
Lindau, Dr. Roth.
Nurnberg, Dr. Leutpert (director of the court of justice).
Schweinfurt, Prof. William Pferish.
Tubingen, Wurtemberg, Dr. J. F. E. Tafel, à l'Université.
Wiesbaden, Lady Johanna Volk, Friedrichstrasse, No. 19.
„ Madame Rathin Schellenberg and Madame Frezenius.
„ Miss Julia Schneider, Friedberger Chaussée, Eiserne Hand.

PRUSSIA.

Creuzeldassen, near Witten (near Dortmund, Elberfeld), Mr. Theodor Mullensiefen.
Berlin, Mr. Hafenluth, Scharrenstrasse, No. 2 (bookstore).
Ulm, Dr. Kamerer (physician).
Vegesack, near Bremen, Mr. Heinrich Rippe (merchant).
Weimar, Mr. Schmidt (lithographer).
„ „ Carl Clue (registrar in the archives of the Grand Duke).

SWITZERLAND.

Berne, Madame de Manuel.
„ Lady Phillipine de Struve.
„ Miss Durheim.
Herisau, Mr. Botschi (master-mason).
Vevay, Canton de Vaud, Henri Jacquier, Pasteur.

FRANCE.

Paris, Mr. Auguste Harlé, Rue de Bruxelles, No. 32.
„ „ Richardson, 22, Grand Rue, near Barrière St. Denis.
St. Amand, Cher, Mr. J. F. le Boys des Guays (formerly Mayor).

ITALY.

Rome, Arthur Strutt, Esq., Via in Arcione, No. 104, near the Fountain of Freor.
„ Cephas G. Thompson.
Florence, Hiram Powers.

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE ON DONATIONS AND DEVISES.

The undersigned, who was directed by the Convention "to furnish a form, or prescribe a method, by which donations may be legally made to this Convention," in order that "the same be published in the Journal of the Convention annually," respectfully reports: —

No difficulty can occur where the party wishing to give is living, as arrangements can easily be made to carry his wishes into effect; and I suppose the word "donations" was intended to embrace devises and legacies.

That a devise or legacy may take effect, two things are necessary: one, that the devisee be so distinctly named or described that no question can be made as to his identity; the other, that he be a person capable of taking in law. The name which this Convention has always borne distinguishes it sufficiently. But it is not a corporate body; and hence there may be questions as to its legal capacity of receiving or holding property. To meet this difficulty, persons should be named, or adequately described, who may take and hold the property, so as to support the legal title, but in such a way as to give the Convention the absolute control and direction of it. I think it may be a convenient way to accomplish these objects to use the following —

FORM

FOR A DEVISE TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

"I, A B, do give, bequeathe, and devise" (here naming and describing the property or estate), "to the persons who shall be President and Treasurer of the General Convention of the New Church in the United States of America at the time of my death, and their successors in office, to have and to hold the same to them in fee-simple, but always in trust to and for the exclusive benefit of the said Convention, and always subject to the absolute and entire control and disposition of said Convention."

Or the testator may designate these officers by their names, or may substitute for these officers other persons by name; always adding, "but always in trust," &c., and the remainder of the preceding paragraph following these words.

If the testator wishes the property applied to any particular purpose, he should add to the foregoing, —

"But it is my wish, and I do hereby direct the said Convention, to use, apply, and employ the said property in the following manner; that is to say, —"

Then should follow the directions of the testator; and it is important that they be as clear and specific as possible.

THEOPHILUS PARSONS.

ERRATA. — Page 8, line 8, for *S. H. Worcester* read *T. Worcester*. Page 9, line 30, for *on* read *or*. Page 14, line 17, for "52" read "54." Page 17, line 6, for *examined* read *Exemplified*.

INDEX.

	Minute.	Page.
Committee on Credentials	1	1
Roll of Convention		1–3
Convention Roll adopted	2	4
Receivers invited to take Seats, &c.	3	5
President's Address on the "Last Judgment"	4	5
Journal of Last Year read	7	5
Reports of Associations, &c., and Address of General Conference, read	8	5
Assistant Secretary chosen	9	5
Three Societies apply for Admission	10	5
Mr. Hayward's Discourse on the "New Heaven"	11	5
Report on the Case of Mr. Beswick	12, 13	5
Rev. Mr. Silver's Discourse on "Swedenborg, his Office and Mission"		6
The Baltimore German, the Hoboken, and the Contoocook Societies received	15, 16	6
Committee on Liturgy for Sabbath Schools reports	17	6
The Treasurer presents his Annual Report	18	6
Committee to revise the Lists of Ministers, &c.	19	6
Rev. O. Prescott Hiller invited	20	6
Committee of Foreign Correspondence reports	21	6
Ordination of Mr. Türk	22, 23	6
Messengers from the Urbana University received	24	7
Aid to Dr. Tafel in publishing the MSS. and other Works of Swedenborg	25	7
Missionary and Colportage Committee reports	26	7
Committee on Tithing reports, and is continued	27	7
Resolution on publishing the Centenary Discourses	28, 29	7
Baptism of Messrs. Türk and Boxley	30	7
Discourse of Rev. Mr. Giles on the "Descent of the New Jerusalem"		8
Reports of three Ministers read	32	8
Rev. Mr. Wilks's Address to the General Conference	33	8
Executive Committee presents its Annual Report	34	8
Committee of Nomination appointed	35	8
Rev. Mr. Hibbard's Discourse on "Order, and its Uses in the New Church"	36	8
Executive Committee's Report taken up by Subjects	37	8
Rev. Mr. Benade's Letters of Inquiry, and Resolution thereon	38, 39	8
The Board of Publications	40	8
Resolution amending Sect. 15 of the Constitution	41	9
Treasurer authorized to accept Loans on Conditions	42, 43	9
Resolutions instructing the Board of Publications	44–46	9
Appropriation to Mr. Brickman's German N. C. Paper	47	10
Report of Sub-committee to raise Funds	48	10
Report of Executive Committee accepted	49	10
Extracts from said Report, and Journal of Ex. Com., to be published	49	10
Committee to procure Act of Incorporation instructed	50	10
Committee on Spiritual and Religious Instruction reports	51	10
Committee to consider the Uses of Convention appointed	52	10
Committee on History of the New Church appointed	54	11
Convention adjourns to Boston	55	11
Executive Committee to report on the Second Day of the Annual Session	56	11
Centenary Discourses, how to be regarded	57, 58	11
Resolutions on printing the Manuscripts of Swedenborg	59, 60	11
The Centenary Discourses: Committee raised to print	61, 62	11
Document read relative to a Bequest for a School	63	12
Propositions on providing for Ministerial Education	64–67	12
Proposition to admit Officers of Colleges to Convention	68, 69	12
Treasurer's Statement of Moneys	70	13
Resolution on the Address of the English Conference	71	13
Committee on Nominations reports	72	13
Convention elects Officers for ensuing Year	73, 74	13
Committee on the Lists reports, and has leave	75	13

	Minute.	Page.
President may appoint Messengers to Europe, &c.	76	13
Resolution relative to Messrs. Carll and Hyde	77, 78	13
President has leave to appoint certain Committees hereafter	79	14
Committees	80–83	14
The Convention adjourns	84	14
Rev. Mr. Stuart's Discourse on the "Successive Dispensations or Churches"		14
Mr. Reed's Discourse on "Freedom"		14
Rev. Mr. Field's Discourse on "Science"		14
Mr. Scammon's Discourse on "Education"		14
Mr. Cabell's Discourse on "Literature"		14
Rev. Mr. Pettee's Discourse on the "Permanence of the Church"		14
Ordination of Mr. F. W. Türk		15
Administration of the Holy Supper		15
Sermon by Rev. Mr. Hiller		15
Rev. Mr. Storry's Discourse on the "Conduct of Life"		15
Social Festival at Clifton		15
Extracts from the Records of the Executive Committee		16
Report on the Case of Mr. Beswick		17
Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools		18
Treasurer's Annual Report		18
Report on the Ordination of Mr. Türk		20
Missionary and Colportage Committee's Report		20
Report of the Executive Committee		21
Report of the Board of Publications		22
Report of Committee to raise Funds		24
Report of Committee on Spiritual and Religious Instruction		26
Report on publishing the Centenary Discourses		28
Report of Committee of Foreign Correspondence		28
Dr. Tafel's Letter to Mr. Andrews		29
Dr. Tafel's Letter to Mr. Reed		30
M. Le Boys des Guay's Letter to Professor Parsons		32
Libraries which received Swedenborg's Works in Europe		33
Report of the Illinois Association		35
Report of the President of the Maine Association		37
Report of the Massachusetts Association		38
Report of the Michigan and Northern-Indiana Association		40
Report of the President of the Pennsylvania Association		40
Report of the Second Philadelphia Society		41
Report of the Upper-Darby Society		41
List of Ministers connected with the Pennsylvania Association		42
Report of the General Society in Ohio		42
Report of the Urbana Society		42
Report of the Third Philadelphia Society		42
Rev. H. N. Strong's Report		43
Reports of Rev. Jabez Fox		43
Report of Rev. J. P. Perry		45
Rev. W. B. Hayden's Report		47
Report of Rev. A. O. Brickman		47
Letter of M. S. Child		48
Document from the Trustees of Judge Foster's Gift		48
Address from Convention to the English Conference, 1856		49
Address from the English Conference, 1857		50
Supplement to the Executive Committee's Report (Mr. Ragatz)		53
Constitution of the General Convention		54
By-laws		57
Standing Orders and Recommendations		58
Officers and Standing Committees for 1857–8		59
Bodies composing the General Convention		60
Ministers and Licentiates belonging to the General Convention		61
List of Places containing Societies and Receivers		62
List of Societies in England, Scotland, and Ireland		68
List of Places on the Continent of Europe		69
Form for a Devise to the General Convention		70

PUBLICATIONS OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

TO aid in disseminating the Heavenly Doctrines of the New Jerusalem, to minister to the ants of isolated and initiate receivers, and to rnish instruction suited to the states of New-urchmen and their families, the General Con-ention of the New Church in America has taken nder its control, or established, the following ries of PERIODICALS; to which the attention of all ho are friendly to the New Church is respect-lly solicited:—

I.

HE NEW-JERUSALEM MAGAZINE. Pub-lished monthly in Boston, Mass., at $2 per annum.

This Periodical, — now in the twenty-ninth year its existence, — to which so many have hereto-re acknowledged themselves indebted for aid, in eir early efforts to comprehend the spiritual uths of the New Church, will preserve its essen-al character under the control of the Convention. ach number will contain an original Sermon, gether with the contributions of experienced riters, in illustration of the leading truths of the urch, and such New-Church intelligence as may deemed worthy of preservation for future use.

II.

HE NEW-CHURCH MAGAZINE FOR CHIL-DREN. Published monthly in Boston, Mass., at $1 per annum.

The title of this little work indicates its dis-nctive character. It is intended to subserve the portant end of furnishing religious instruction r children. The words of the Lord — "*Suffer* ttle children to come unto Me" — are a plain timation, not only of our duty to children, but of eir readiness to "come unto Him" when permit-d, or when he is truly presented to their minds.

III.

HE NEW-JERUSALEM MESSENGER. Pub-lished weekly in New York, at $2 per annum.

This periodical, which has now entered its cond year, is intended to furnish a medium for the frequent interchange of intelligence between Newchurchmen scattered over our widely extended country, and a cheap and convenient means of dis-pensing a knowledge of the Doctrines, wherever an opening may occur. It is devoted to the elucida-tion of New-Church truths, and to intelligence from every branch of the Church, both in Europe and America. It therefore performs the uses of both a newspaper and a tract. Its aim is to sustain the interest of our brethren in things pertaining to the Holy City, and to awaken an interest in its behalf among those who are not yet acquainted with its doctrines.

SWEDENBORG'S WRITINGS.

The General Convention has also purchased the stereotype plates of the American translations of the following of Swedenborg's Works: "The True Christian Religion;" "Conjugial Love;" "Heaven and Hell." These plates, together with those of "The Liturgy, or Book of Worship," have been removed to the Convention's Publishing Depot, 215, Canal Street, New York. Editions of these works, and of such others as may be deemed useful, will accordingly be published hereafter in New York, and furnished at rates that will secure their distribution through all the avenues of trade. Orders for such works as may from time to time be announced are respectfully solicited.

Just Published.

THE TRUE CHRISTIAN RELIGION; contain-ing the Universal Theology of the New Church. By EMANUEL SWEDENBORG. In 1 vol. 8vo, of 576 pages. With a newly engraved Portrait of Swedenborg. Price $1.

☞ A liberal discount made to those who buy to sell again, or in large quantities. Orders may be addressed to

JOHN L. JEWETT, Agent,
215, CANAL STREET, NEW YORK.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

nocence of Childhood. By Mrs. Colman. 37 cts.
ie Sabbath. By H. A. Worcester. Cambric, 37 cts.
hite Dove. 33 cts.
appy Family. 25 cts.
ara. By Mrs. Carter. 10 cts.
venile Ballads. By Mrs. Carter. 8 cts.
Catechism for Children of the New Church. By S. Worcester. 10 cts. [per dozen.
estions to the Sacred Scriptures. 12 cts.; $1.20
estions on the Four Gospels. By B. Worcester. 31 cts.
ssie, and other Stories. 12½ cts.
edient Boys, and other Stories. 12½ cts.
ssons and Verses for Young Children. 12½ cts.
The above three books are bound in one volume. Cambric, 37½ cts.

Caterpillars, &c. By Clowes. 2 cts.
My Little Guide. 6¼ cts.
American Tales. 6 cts.
Child's First Book of Religious Instruction. 6 cts.
Child's Home Book, &c. Stiff covers, 12½ cts.
Lighthouse, &c. Stiff covers, 12½ cts.
Danger of Disobedience. Stiff covers, 12½ cts.
The above three books are bound in one volume. Cambric, 37½ cts.
Home Verses for Little Folks. 12½ cts.
Little Child's Friend. By Mrs. Doughty. 37½ cts.
Charles and Rosa, parts 1 and 2. By Mrs. Doughty. 12½ cts. each.
Penny Series. By Mrs. Doughty. 1 cent each. In one vol., cambric, 25 cts.
Rainbow Explained. By Clowes. 6 cts.

MEETINGS OF THE CONVENTION AND THE ASSOCIATIONS.

e GENERAL CONVENTION	at Boston, on Wednesday, June 9, 1858.
e ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION	Chicago, Friday, May 26, 1858.
e MAINE ASSOCIATION	Portland, Friday, Aug. 28, 1857.
e MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION	North Bridgewater, Thursday, Oct. 8, 1857.
e MICHIGAN AND NORTH. IND. ASSOCIATION	Third Friday in October, 1857.
e PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION	Upper Darby, Thursday, Aug. 27, 1857.
NERAL SOCIETY IN OHIO	Urbana, Friday, Sept. 25, 1857.

SWEDENBORG'S THEOLOGICAL WORKS,

PUBLISHED AND FOR SALE BY OTIS CLAPP.

ARCANA CŒLESTIA: The HEAVENLY ARCANA which are contained in the Holy Scriptures, or Word of the Lord, unfolded. 13 vols. 8vo.

THE APOCALYPSE REVEALED; in which are disclosed the Arcana therein foretold. 1 vol. 8vo. $1.75.

THE APOCALYPSE EXPLAINED ACCORDING TO THE SPIRITUAL SENSE; in which are revealed (more fully than in the preceding work) the Arcana which are there predicted. 5 vols. 8vo. Cambric, $6.50.

THE TRUE CHRISTIAN RELIGION; or, THE UNIVERSAL THEOLOGY OF THE NEW CHURCH. 1 vol. 8vo. $1.25 and $1.

THE DELIGHTS OF WISDOM CONCERNING CONJUGIAL LOVE; after which follow, THE PLEASURES OF INSANITY CONCERNING SCORTATORY LOVE. 8vo. $1.25 and $1.

ANGELIC WISDOM CONCERNING THE DIVINE LOVE AND THE DIVINE WISDOM. 12mo. Cambric, 30 cts.; stitched, 12½ cts.

ANGELIC WISDOM CONCERNING THE DIVINE PROVIDENCE. 12mo. Cambric, 35 cts.; stitched, 25 cts.

THE FOUR LEADING DOCTRINES OF THE NEW CHURCH, signified in Rev. xxi. by the New Jerusalem. Being those respecting the Lord, His Divine and Human Natures, and the Divine Trinity; the Sacred Scripture; Faith; and Life. 12mo. 50 cts.

Each of the above doctrines may be had separate, viz.:—

The Doctrine of the New Jerusalem respecting the Lord. 10 cts.

The Doctrine of the New Jerusalem respecting the Sacred Scripture. 10 cts.

The Doctrine of the New Jerusalem respecting Faith. 5 cts.

Doctrine of Life for the New Jerusalem. 6 cts.

DOCTRINE OF THE NEW JERUSALEM CON
CERNING CHARITY. 6 cts.

ON THE NEW JERUSALEM AND ITS HEA
VENLY DOCTRINE, as revealed from Heaven
to which are prefixed some Observations concern
ing the New Heaven and the New Earth. 8 cts

DOCTRINES OF THE NEW JERUSALEM
embracing seven works in one volume; viz.,—
Doctrine of the Lord, Sacred Scripture, Whit
Horse, Faith, Life, Heavenly Doctrines, and Cha
rity. Cambric, 62½ cts.

CONCERNING HEAVEN AND ITS WONDERS
AND CONCERNING HELL. 12mo. 45 cts.

A BRIEF EXPOSITION OF THE DOCTRIN
OF THE NEW CHURCH. 10 cts.

ON THE DIVINE LOVE AND THE DIVIN
WISDOM. (Extracted from the Apocalyps
Explained.) 8vo. Cambric, 44 cts.

ON THE EARTHS IN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM
which are called Planets; and on the Earths i
the Starry Heavens. With an Account of thei
Inhabitants. Paper, 25 cts.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE LAST JUDGMENT
AND THE DESTRUCTION OF BABYLON
showing that all the Predictions in the Apoca
lypse are at this day fulfilled. 25 cts.

THE INTERCOURSE BETWEEN THE SOU
AND THE BODY. 5 cts.

ON THE WHITE HORSE MENTIONED I
THE APOCALYPSE, CHAP. XIX. 3 cts.

A SUMMARY EXPOSITION of the Interna
Sense of the Prophetical Books of the Old Test
ment, and of the Psalms of David. 20 cts.

CANONS OF THE ENTIRE THEOLOGY. 12
cts.

ON THE WORSHIP AND LOVE OF GOD
English edition. $1.25.

The "New-Jerusalem Magazine" is issued monthly, $2 per annum, payable in advance. Eac
Number will contain an average of *at least* forty-four to forty-eight pages.

☞ All letters relating to business are to be directed to the Publisher, No. 3, Beacon Street. Oth
communications may be addressed "*To the Editor.*"

AGENTS FOR THE NEW-JERUSALEM MAGAZINE AND FOR THE NEW-CHURCH MAGAZINE FOR CHILDREN.

OLIVER GERRISH . . . . . Portland, Me.
J. B. SWANTON . . . . . Bath, Me.
H. B. HOSKINS . . . . . Gardiner, Me.
AMBROSE WARREN . . . . . Bangor, Me.
WILLIAM FAXON . . North Bridgewater, Mass.
JOHN ALLEN . 28, Beekman Street, New York.
WM. ROBERTS, Jun. . . 273, South 9th St., Phila.

WILLARD H. HINKLEY . 24, North Chas. St., Bal
EDWARD MENDENHALL . . . . Cincinnati,
Rev. J. R. HIBBARD . . . . . Chicago, I
W. G. DAY . . . . . Urbana,
W. NEWBERRY . . . 6, King's Street, Londo
Rev. THOMAS STORRY . . . . . Peoria, I
E. W. COBB . . . . . Charleston, S.